

MINUTES of La Leche League of Southern California, Inc.**Meeting date: 2/4/2017**

Call to order: A monthly meeting of the Board of Directors, was held on February 4, 2017 at 8892 Tacoma St. Ventura CA. The meeting convened at 10 AM Kari Aist presiding, and Christine Silva, secretary.

Members Present :

Kari Aist, Network Coordinator of Leaders, President

Colleen Marubayashi, Network Agreements Coordinator, Vice President

Renee DiGregorio, Network Event Coordinator/NEC

Karima Khatib, Area Representative- Orange County/Inland Empire

Stephanie Laurean, Network Financial Coordinator/NFC, Area Representative- San Diego and Imperial Counties

Christine Silva, Area Representative/AR- North Counties Coastal and Los Angeles Valleys, ACLA, Secretary

Linda Goodman, Area Representative/AR- Central Los Angeles/Beaches

Members Not Present:

Julie Huisjen, Network Coordinator of Leader Accreditation/NCLA

Jenny Stuart, Area Representative/AR- Nevada and North California Deserts

Stacie Bingham, Network Professional Liaison/NPL

Ghia Johnson, EDI Advocate (stepping down due to illness, effective immediately)

Motion: Kari Aist moves to approve minutes from January 6, 2017 meeting.

Motion Approved: 7:0

Motion: Kari Aist moves to approve minutes from January 8, 2017 meeting.

Motion Approved: 7:0

Motion: Kari Aist moves to release the full amount of funds returned by State of California to the LLL of Bakersfield and the LLL Sunshine Chapter, waiving any administrative fee, retaining only the funds unaffiliated with any groups.

Motion Approved: 7:0

Motion: Colleen Marubayashi nominates Kari Aist as Corporate President.

Motion Approved: 7:0

Motion: Colleen Marubayashi nominates Linda Goodman as Corporate Vice President:

Motion Approved: 7:0

Announced: Kari Aist and Linda Goodman announced the appointments of Stephanie Laurean as Treasurer and Christine Silva as Secretary.

Discussion:

Agreed: May 20, 2017 BOD members will meet at the Huntington Beach storage to evaluate items stored there with the goal of finding low cost long term storage locations for the items of most value and disposal of items that do not bear the cost of annual storage. 17692 Sampson Lane, Huntington Beach, CA 92647. Current cost of storage \$420/6 months or \$840 annually. Area Representatives will notify Leaders in their area of the available items (changing tables, toys) that may be useful to local groups.

Announced: In order to make BOD Executive Council and Entire Board meetings more effective Department Heads will seek to make effective progress with tasks within their Department. At the May in person BOD meeting (5/20/17) the Entire Board will evaluate progress toward this goal and set a new meeting calendar.

Treasurer Report: Attached Report. Stephanie Laurean, will issue a debit card for Renee DiGregorio for use in deposits of Leader Assessments and purchases related to Conference costs.

Groups attempting to establish new accounts with individual Group EIN numbers may wish to combine with other Groups in their area in order to maintain a deposit above minimums and avoid fees. USBank has offered groups no fee accounts.

Events Report: Events Report Attached. Discussion of Network Conference, to serve needs of Leaders, Parents and Professionals.

Communication workshops: Efforts to train new Communications Skills Instructors have not yet resulted in fully trained Instructors. Any curriculum (Communication, parenting skills) developed by a Leader that is in compliance with LLL Philosophy can be used to create a workshop for Leaders and parents in their area and used as fundraising opportunity.

Announced: The purpose of the Leader Education Fund as is was established to cover Leader Assessments (formerly dues) when a Leader is unable to pay and to help Leaders attend SCANV conference, LLLI Conference, or specific Conference needs for Leaders. Area Representatives have access to complete guidelines for Assessment Waivers.

Leader Department:

Area Representatives aware of Leader needs or struggles can seek support from the Leader Department. Goals: Helping Leaders remain up to date in support and breastfeeding knowledge utilizing current resources. Easing reporting by utilizing effective universal formats and clarifying to Leaders the importance of reporting activity numbers. Utilizing Equity, Diversity and Inclusion resources to better support Leaders and improve diversity by measures of total Area Leaders and communities served in the Network Area.

Revitalize League Spirit: Publish quarterly in March, June, September, December with Article Topics generated the first month of each quarter, Articles due the 2nd month of each quarter, and Newsletter published (online with some limited snail mail?) the 3rd month of each quarter. Kari Aist to edit. Elements to include:

- Articles of interest (written by AR's, PL dept. or, republished from other Areas),
- HARK - New Leader Interview or
- Get to Know You (All BOD and AR's to write 3-7 sentences on themselves),
- Family Celebrations,
- USA Council Report (Colleen),
- Recipe (Colleen),
- Instructions on basic Leader Duties,
- LiLaLo roll out (Kari),
- New Member/Membership techniques,
- New Tech: Facebook forums rules and regulations, apps, resources (Christine to write Article Storage Tech article),
- How to use RSM (Renee),
- Conference Updates (Renee),
- LES, Workshops,
- Website roll out, (Stephanie?)
- Bank Account/EIN info,
- Treasury Reports,
- IRS Form to do's.

Announced: Ghia Johnson notified the BOD that due to personal illness she will no longer be able to act as EDI Representative to the SCANV BOD.

USA Council Report:

Goodreads Account Book Review workgroup well staffed, Tear Off Sheets update workgroups well staffed, WHO Code Compliance Committee well staffed, New Beginnings and Library of photos as well as Logo Guidelines receiving attention. Fundraising efforts lack volunteers. Amazon Smile will be discontinued due to WHO non-compliance of Amazon.

EDI Survey may have been missed in email accounts. ARs can remind Leaders to find and complete it.

LLLUSA is withholding the next Cost Sharing Assessment along with 7 other DCANS. LLLUSA is encouraged by LLLI efforts in supplying the DCANS with some of the answers requested, however several requests have not been met. LLLUSA is not ready to release held funds from previous cost sharing payments and reinstate ongoing payments.



Christine Silva, Secretary



Stephanie Laurean, President

Meeting Adjourned: 4:30pm