

## **La Leche League of Southern California, Inc. Board of Directors' Minutes**

Meeting Date: 9/8/19

Call to order: A regular meeting of the Board of Directors was held on September 8, 2019 via Go-To-Meeting. The meeting convened at 7:09 pm by Renee' DiGregorio, as President/ Recording Secretary.

### **Members present :**

Renee' DiGregorio

Network Event Coordinator / NEC; Board President and Recording Secretary

Karima Khatib

Network Coordinator of Leaders- NCL

Sharon Savene

Director-at-Large / LLLUSA Council Delegate for LLLSCNV Network

Hedi Herrmann-Blanton

Network Professional Liaison

Elise Hamel

Network Coordinator of Communication and Media

Emily Niemeyer

Area Representative / AR - Orange County Inland Empire

Elizabeth Krey

Area Representative / AR - Nevada and Northern CA Deserts

Not Present:

Romy Rapoport

Area Representative / AR - Central LA Beaches

Stephanie Laurean

Out-going Network Financial Coordinator/ NFC; Director Emeritus

Departments not currently represented:

Leader Accreditation - Network CLA not assigned

Agreements - OPEN

### **Approval of Minutes**

Minutes of 8/18/19 meeting were viewed and approved by quorum during the month and have been posted on the Network website. A notice has gone out to Network Leaders that these documents are available for viewing. [Elise]

**Old Business**

- Department Descriptions for the Network Website: Leader Department description has been posted. Professional Liaison and newly reinstated Communications and Media department are asked to provide their department descriptions. Professional Liaison (Hedi) currently has a description that may need revision and updating. The existing Publications Department description will most probably need complete revision to update to current use of mass group email and social media for Leader communications.

- Since last meeting a letter has been created and is ready to be sent out to LLLI Board of Directors regarding discussion points from last meeting. It was decided that the Global Leader Committee should also receive a copy. Our USA Council Delegates will retrieve the appropriate email addresses [Sharon/Hedi]. The final letter will be sent via the Board gmail.

The intention of the letter to the LLLI Board is a form of a reminder that, as one of the litigants, we (LLLSCANV) remain in the position to enforce the terms of the MOU. It has become apparent that time has clouded the resolved points reached; the agreement is still duly enforceable. All Board members had input on the content of this letter.

Rationale for this from 8/18/19 meeting disclosed:

---- LLLI Board of Directors proposed universal Agreement template is in question and possibly a violation of the agreement reached between LLLI and LLLSCANV in the MOU.

---- The rumored intentions to dissolve the Global Leader Committee is also in violation as it's creation was specific to the settlement of the suit.

- It was discovered that the original signed MOU remains in the files of a former Board member and was never passed on to subsequent Boards. A request could go to the pro-bono attorney used by LLLSCANV who could provide this document. No update as of 9/8/19 [Hedi] A final copy of the MOU (unsigned) was located in the files of an old Board yahoo group discussion. All directors were encouraged to read the document fully.

- New EIN assignments. Research continues on the existing group EINs assigned approximately 2 years ago by our NFD. With the help of Linda Anderson of the USA Council a letter (along with a video tutorial) will be posted to our Leaders giving them the rationale and instructions on how to obtain an EIN to align with LLLUSA. If posted soon; a tutorial will be given at the upcoming LES.

See Board minutes of 8/18/19 for details.

**Action remaining:**

-US West has committed to providing Communication Skills via online course. Standard role-playing sessions are planned to be provided via Zoom. Fee schedule is yet to be determined. [Sharon] No update as of this meeting.

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### Department Reports

As LES planning was to be the primary focus, reports were not required for this meeting.

#### LES planning

-Registration and Agenda was sent via Mailchimp this week. Primary and Secondary connected Leaders were included in the notification. Local Pacific Horizons Leaders were forwarded invitations and one admin asked for the link so that it could be posted on PH Leader FB page.

-Two PL sessions (1.5 hr) are planned. CERP credit eligibility is being explored. Fees for CERPs may be purchased at sign in.

-Opening session will cover LLLI/LLLUSA structure/Global Leader Committee and Social Media Guidelines. If enough information is received by then on group EIN reassignment, this too will be covered.

A job list was published after last Board meeting with many slots assigned

-The job list was gone over in detail

-A new updated Hark Ceremony script has been obtained. The script is updated in wording and includes not only new Leaders, but sponsoring Leader(s) and Leaders celebrating a milestone anniversary. A Milestone list has been compiled and inventory will be checked if a pin order is needed. The script will be formatted/printed and laminated for future use [Elise]

- Our NPL has reserved a room at the Hilton (located directly across the street) It was approved that we seek hotel accommodations for our director traveling from Tulare with her family. The NEC has made reservations at the nearby Embassy Suites.

- Planning will continue throughout the month with a pre-event GTM meeting scheduled for 10/2/19 at 7 PM.

Next Board meeting is scheduled for October 13, 2019 at 7:00 PM.

Meeting adjourned at 9:20 PM

Respectfully submitted

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Renee DiGregorio - President and Board Recording Secretary