

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

Call to order: A regular meeting of the Board of Directors was held on June 12, 2022 via Zoom at 7:06 pm with Stephanie Laurean as host and Renee DiGregorio leading.

Members present :

Stephanie Laurean

Network Financial Coordinator/ NFC

Hedi Herrmann-Blanton

Network Professional Liaison / Events co-Chair

Out-going LLL USA Council Delegate for LLLSCNV Network

Patricia Ochoa

Area Representative / AR - San Diego Imperial Valley

Renee' DiGregorio

Executive Council Facilitator

Area Representative / AR - North Counties Coastal and L.A. Valleys

Not present:

Tyler Dodge-Griffin

LLL USA Council Delegate for LLLSCNV Network

Karima Khatib

Network Coordinator of Leaders

Elizabeth Krey

Area Representative / AR - Nevada and Northern CA Deserts

Emily Niemeyer

Area Representative / AR - Orange County Inland Empire

Departments not currently represented:

Leader Accreditation - ACLA/ Network CLA

Agreements Chair

Area Representative for Central LA & Beaches

LLL USA Delegate

Communications and Social Media

Approval of Minutes

A draft of the Minutes of Board of Directors Meeting held 5/15/22 was sent for review during the month and approved by quorum vote. The minutes have been posted on the Network website. A notice will go out to Network Leaders that these documents are available for viewing.

Old Business

- Donation button on the public Network FB page...no action taken as of this date. Also noted that no donations have been received via the donation button on the Network website. Leaders should be made aware of it, especially if they do not have an EIN and bank account.
- General impression of USA Zoom meeting held May 19. Though all 5 Networks were invited, our Network was the only one to attend. Our Network Council Delegate was not present. Focus was on our continued discussion on altering our Network status...options are to become an Area only and join another Network, thus losing our 2 seat Council Delegate representation..or alter our Network name to reflect and include a smaller Area such as Arizona and/or Utah. Some input from Council was received, though, perhaps time was limited, further encouragement was not received.
- Communication Skill Department: An offer to mentor has come from Misty Dunn (US West) for Patricia to attend an upcoming CS workshop as a trainee. It was indicated that they had updated all material and are willing to share.

Department Reports

Leader Dept.

- No response to search for AR for CLAB
 - AR for OCIE contacted regarding the approaching end of 3rd yr and inquired if she has intentions to continue her term (entitled to 2, 1 year extensions). She is prepared to assist in gathering the next stats reporting period but asked that a search can go out after that for her replacement.
- ADA report. Current Active Leaders: 70, one new retire

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Current active Applicants: 6, one in preview

Finance Dept

- Conference Acct.: \$5,000.00
 - General Acct.: \$15,025.87
- (reflects closure of Thousand Oaks Acct and PayPal transfer of funds)
- Morgan Stanley: \$21,214.37 (down \$10.)
 - A projected Network budget was submitted
 - With coaxing all groups have submitted the 2021 Financial Report
 - Hedi was to visit Bakersfield Leader to discuss the Group bank account. Voice messages were not returned and, ultimately, visit was cancelled due to illness. History: Lone Leader has been contacted in early 2020 regarding updating signature on account..then in 2021 advised to obtain a new EIN and align with LLL USA. Several Financial Reporting periods have been missed. There has been no response to all requests. Hedi sought to find a solution by visiting in person, as Hedi is often in that Area.

Department reports continued

PL/Events

- Sept 11, 2022 for LES- Save The Date should go out in early July. Update 6/12/22 no further plans have been made. It is unknown if Hedi will have help from Council Delegate who had expressed an interest in assisting.
- Hedi is co-chair for Live Love Latch for LLL USA. This will be her primary focus.
- An informal Leader Social will be attempted in August.
- EDI webinar now streaming. Announcement draft written and is being reviewed and hoped to be completed by July 1.
- Renee will assume the responsibility of communicating with special speaker, Dr. Paulin Update 6/12/22 no update due to illness

Communications and Social Media

Prepared statement on Formula Shortage was sent out to all Network Leaders. This announcement received the most "opens" than all previous announcements.

Agreements Workgroup

- Met last on 5/22. Attempts were made to abridge the entire document based on the examples of other Areas. There is some confusion on LLLI's and LLL USA mission statement. Will read other Agreements to determine which wording is best. Next workgroup is scheduled for June 26.

USA Council Delegate Report

None received. Note: A report has not been received since March
-No response on Delegate search

New Business

-Live Love Latch. Plans have been made for our Network to participate in Art Muse LA virtual fundraiser in cooperation with Breastfeed LA on August 5th. Participation fee will be donated and the event will be registered as a Live Love Latch event. Hedi will prepare a Network Announcement.

See Addendum #1

-Our USA Council Delegate. See Board Minutes of May 15. In regards to that discussion, it was chosen that no action will be taken at this time.

A reminder:

- Emily Niemeyer, AR for Orange Co Inland Empire...6/20/22 is end of 3rd year. After Stats completion, a search to go out.
- Karima Khatib, NCL - 9/18/22 is end of 5th year

- Repeated here for reference: Discussion began regarding new Leader mentorship expectations. It was determined that any new Leader, but especially those who will be starting their own new Groups/leading more independently of an established Group/Leader, should receive a personal phone call from the PL department. A direct phone call can be a friendly introduction to offer continued support as well as follow up to the Leader welcome email sent by Renee/ADA/the Board. This email should include reminders of WHO Code Compliance, requirements for Leader reporting (including links to personal contact Google form & meeting sign-in Google form once completed) and best practices for avoiding liability in giving "medical advice".

Next Board meeting is scheduled for July 10, 2022 at 7:00 PM

Meeting adjourned at 8:19 PM

Respectfully submitted,

Renee' DiGregorio - Executive Council Facilitator

Attached: Addendum #1

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From ArtMuse LA:

“The Art and History of Lactation: Infant and Young Child Feeding”

This virtual program provides a fascinating illustrated overview of breastfeeding and lactation using works of art throughout the ages to our contemporary times, from paintings and sculpture to video, installation, and performance art. Two Art Muse LA educators will discuss works of art from ancient Egypt to the present that depict the long, complicated history of infant feeding and call forth changing social attitudes and issues tied to the biological nurturing of children. Classical, historical images, such as the Virgin Mary nursing the Christ child, are joined by at times controversial art works by contemporary artists responding to this subject. Join us for a lively discussion surrounding gender, the rearing of children, and the evolution of social mores, complemented by rich, in-depth imagery from the artworld.

Below are the two bios and attached are some images you can select for the promotional materials. The invoice will be prepared and sent to you early next week~ Clare

Jennifer Li

Jennifer received her BA in the History of Art from the University of California, Berkeley, and her MA in Modern Art History, Theory and Criticism from the School of the Art Institute of Chicago. Her professional experience in museums includes previous positions at the Art Institute of Chicago, the Los Angeles County Museum of Art, and the J. Paul Getty Museum. She also oversaw the daily operations and exhibition programs at the Michael Kohn Gallery in Los Angeles. Currently, she is the LA Desk Editor for *ArtAsiaPacific*, the leading English-language periodical covering contemporary art and culture from Asia, the Pacific and the Middle East and a regular contributor to *Art in America*, *Frieze*, and other publications. Jennifer is a founding member of Art Muse LA.

Robin Trento

A Los Angeles native and fourth-generation Californian, Robin earned her BA in Italian and Art History at the University of California, Santa Barbara, after having studied at the University of Padua (Italy) and the University of California, Los Angeles. Her decades long involvement, first in the Education Department at the J. Paul Getty Museum and currently as a research associate for the Department of Drawings, has allowed Robin to develop an unparalleled expertise in the Getty collection. At the same time, her extensive experience of many other museums gives her the ability to place any collection or exhibition she addresses in the broader perspective of art history. Robin is a founding member of Art Muse LA.



Sarcophagus of Marcus Cornelius Staius, Roman, 2nd century AD, Louvre



The Virgin Lactans, Unknown artist, 1784. Benaki Museum



Mai-Thu Perret: *Diana*, 2022, ceramic and bronze, 62 1/4 by 17 1/4 by 17 1/4 inches



Ming Smith, *Self-Portrait (Total)*, 1986, Archival silver gelatin print, 20 x 16 in

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