

## MCCGJA DIRECTORS' MEETING MINUTES

Tues. Sept. 6, 2016, Marin Civic Center Room 410B, 10:00-12

- *Present:* Jack Nixon, Nadine Mueller, John Erdmann, Larry Bauer, Kevin Hagerty, Peter Kiers, Betty Mattea, Phyllis Berger, Gene Dyer, Vaughan Acton, Helene Marsh, Owen Haxton, Linda Glasscock, Steve Barlow, John Dower, Scott Drotman, Tom Borden, Jay Hamilton-Roth
- Meeting called to order by President Jack Nixon at 10:00
- Minutes of August 2 meeting approved
- *Treasurer's Report:*
  - a. August, 2016: Beginning balance \$12,573.72; membership revenue \$930; no expenses; ending balance \$13,503.72;
  - b. Since Sept. 1: membership revenue \$200; expenses \$60.25; ending balance as of Sept. 6 \$13,643.47
- *President's Report on Meeting with Judge Simmons*
  - a. Late responses—Judge, rather than the continuity committee, will write letters to recalcitrant government entities re their responses to grand jury reports
  - b. Recruiting—
    - i. Advertising—Judge wants a specific advertising schedule (e.g., frequency of ads, size, location) before she will even entertain any funding of newspaper advertising; prefers videos rather than ads to attract new jury applicants; survey needed to ascertain how/where people heard about the grand jury; Jay Hamilton-Roth volunteered to work with the Judge, at no cost, to produce a grand jury recruitment video
    - ii. Responsibility- territorial issue between the court and grand jury concerning recruitment responsibility; Judge Simmons maintains the court has prime responsibility
    - iii. Betty, MCCGJA historian, stated that the number of applicants is decreasing as is number of attendees at open houses
- *Committee Reports*
  - a. Communications—website needs updating, therefore, each committee urged to list its accomplishments and future plans; new video to be included on website
  - b. IRC—14 committee members have completed follow-up of last year's grand jury reports; currently await Continuity Committee reports; group to meet monthly—next meeting Oct. 24, 1:00; discussion of Dashboard deemed too preliminary, therefore, postponed to another time
  - c. Outreach Committee—Vaughan Acton is new chair; committee will meet first Tues. of each month; Senior Fair, held on Oct. 26, 9-3, needs volunteers to man booth, engage with passers-by, distribute brochures, "business cards," favors, etc.
  - d. Training—Rich will no longer be chair, new chair needed
  - e. Membership—114 paid members of which 67 are life members; 18 members still undecided about renewal

- f. Selection—first committee meeting in Nov., date TBA; Patti needs information by January; same structural setup as last year's; ideal number of committee members yet to be determined; more members needed to attend all meetings
- g. Social—MCCGJA luncheon after Oct. 4 meeting; future holiday parties to be planned
- *Old Business*
  - a. Amortization—discussion whether to amortize dues over 5 years instead of current 10 years: motion postponed until Outreach budget determined
  - b. Photos—Oct. 4 after board meeting
  - c. Frequency of meetings—continue to meet monthly
  - d. Publicity chairperson—search continues
  - e. Volunteers—sufficient number at the moment
- *New Business*
  - a. Betty's proposed project—1) to write synopses of past grand jury reports that have either achieved effective results or brought particular issues to the public's attention; 2) to use these synopses as recruiting tools
  - b. Reminder—board lunch after Oct. 4 meeting
- *Meeting Adjourned—11:19*
- *Next Meeting—Tues. Oct. 4 10:00*