

Minutes of the Board of Directors of the Marin Chapter of the California Grand Jury Association

September 3, 2019

Present: Tom Borden (presiding), Sally Pennypacker, Rebecca Suggs, Bill Rankin, Ron Brown, Janeko Bower, David Gabriel, Pat Randolph, Bill Walton, Bruce Bartel, Lucy Dilworth, Max Thelen, Tom Escover, Larry Bauer, Nadine Muller, Steve Barlow, Jack Nixon, Wanda Sarti.

1. Minutes of the last meeting were approved.
2. Treasurer's report was given by Tom Borden in Kevin Hagerty's absence.
3. Social Committee update: After the annual meeting and new member reception, the Committee organized a picnic. Potential additional social activities were discussed.
4. Membership and Communication: About 50% of the 2018-19 Grand Jury have not yet joined. There was a discussion of the need for more diversity in the Grand Jury, especially from the Canal area and Marin City. There was also a discussion of efforts to revamp the web page, and a request that all members should look at the current web site and make suggestions for improvement.
5. Training committee: The survey taken after the last Grand Jury training was reviewed. Pat talked about the state training program and legal aspects of being on a Grand Jury that we did not cover. These will be incorporated into the next training.
6. Outreach: There is a Volunteer Fair at the Civic Center this Saturday, Tom, David, and Janeko will staff the booth. We will also have a booth at the Senior Fair October 23, 9 AM to 3 PM. The Outreach Committee will create a recruiting calendar in January. Some ideas to increase diversity-Talk to Dominican University; Outreach to Canal and Marin City churches; Create a banner with lists of accomplishments to use at fairs.
7. Implementation review: Pat reported that an Ad-Hoc committee of 2018-19 jurors is working on reviewing responses to the Wildfire Report under the name Citizens for Wildfire Preparedness. Larry reviewed the ongoing work with the County to implement Management for Results. He is working on a program for members of the Association to assist County departments in this effort.

Respectfully Submitted,

Ron Brown and Sally Pennypacker