

# MCCGJA DIRECTORS MEETING MINUTES

Monday, September 13, 2021

10:00 a.m. (via Zoom)

- The meeting was called to order at 10:09 a.m.
- Participants: Larry Bauer, Tom Borden, Janeko Bower, Kevin Hagerty, Penny Moreci, Nadine Muller, Jack Nixon, Sally Pennypacker, Ron Arlas, Steve Barlow, Laure Eiffel, John Erdman, Louetta Erlin, Jean Gunn, Deborah Haase, Lauren Hallinan, Alicia Levin, Paul Premo, Pat Randolph and Alan Schaevitz.
- The Minutes of June 24, 2021 were approved as corrected.
- Treasurer's report – Kevin Hagerty. The Chapter's current balance is \$10,296.95. The County will continue to reimburse association outreach and training costs up to \$5,000 annually.
- Committee Updates:
  - Social** – Sally Pennypacker: No report
  - Membership** – Nadine Muller: 127 members
  - Website** – Janeko Bower: The association website is now 1 year old. A newsletter feature to keep all members well-informed was discussed. Janeko will follow up with Sandra Macleod White to serve as author/editor. She asked that committee chairs contact her for publication of news, information, etc.
  - Outreach** – Penny Moreci: Diversity remains an ongoing issue for Outreach. Lack of applications from minority citizens is the problem even though extra efforts (with examples noted) have been made to attract all residents of Marin, with many such efforts being met with resistance. At Louetta's suggestion, Lauren may research other counties' tactics for diversity. She agreed, with help from Jack. Nadine reminded everyone to become/renew membership in the State Association.
  - Outreach** – Larry Bauer: Larry reported contacting a PR firm for assistance in attracting citizens of color to learn about, and apply for, Grand Jury service. The proposed cost would be \$50,000. Larry met with the Judge who will look into this possibility. The cost was met with skepticism by some in attendance. Others suggested asking the State Association for ideas. It was *moved, seconded and approved* for Jack Nixon to draft letters to PR firms requesting pro bono assistance.
  - Training** – Ron Brown: No report
  - Selection** - Tom Borden: This committee will begin meeting in early January, 2022. The committee will undergo a reorganization as this will be Tom's final year as chairman.
  - Implementation Review:** Larry reported that the Marin Compass Program continues ("Want to help?) with emphasis on Grand Jury reports dealing with County department(s) issues, not to include special districts.

- Larry noted that only 19 out of 127 association members participated in today's meeting. We cannot let this chapter die! What is the problem? Too few people? Who will serve as future officers?
- Larry proposed "The Brain Trust" be created to conduct research and analysis for best practices. It will include association and board members. It's creation was *moved, seconded and approved*.
- Next meeting: TBD

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 11:52 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Penny Moreci

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