

MCCGJA Membership Meeting
March 12, 2015
Minutes

Present: Rich Treadgold, Tom Borden, Nancy Frease, Jean Gunn, Peter Kiers, John Carlson, Paul Premo, Helene March, Sarah Loughran, Gene Dyer, Owen Haxton, Sterling Harwell, Reva Saper, John Erdmann, Albert Lozano, Linda Glasscock

1. Approval of Minutes: Will approve minutes from the last meeting at the next membership meeting.
2. Annual Meeting of MCCGJA. Nancy will look for a Wednesday in May.
3. Board Meeting Decisions
 - A. Dues change: The Board will recommend an increase in dues to the membership to cover additional expenses in the future, largely for Outreach. Effective July 1, 2015. Dues will increase to \$30 per year for members that served on the 2010-2011 Grand Jury and later. The dues for members who served on the 2009-2010 Grand Jury and before will remain at \$20.
 - B. Have formed a committee to create a proposal to the Court/County to grant money to the MCCGJA to cover Outreach expenses and Training. Peter, Tom, Rich, and Jean have volunteered to serve on this committee.
 - C. Strategies to increase membership and participation: Need to get more people involved. The MCCGJA has approximately 38 active members and 40 inactive members.
 - D. Election Process for next year's Officers/Board: Every member of the board is on the election committee and will be involved in soliciting people to take a leadership roles on the Board. Rich will not be serving as President next year.
 - E. Support for Gene to run the website: Gene is the only person running the website. Need someone to help out and be back-up for Gene.

4. Committee Chair Check-ins

A. Outreach – Jean

Grand Jury applications are down state-wide. Our Outreach Committee has been very active. The County currently has 41 applications. We've held one open house and are planning a second on Wednesday, April 1 at 10:00 am at 250 Dougherty Drive in Larkspur (Central Marin Police Station Community Room). Please come if you can to speak to potential jurors.

Jean will not be here on April 1 and needs someone to organize things for this open house (Nancy volunteered). She has set everything up and there is a small amount of work to do. Also need an MC (Rich volunteered)

B. Membership Chair – Owen

Have 40 1-yr members, 20 multiple year members, 25 life members, 3 honorary members – total of 88. Potential dues impact will not impact 21 members. 11 of these are life members.

C. IRC Chair – Tom & Helene

Met last week. Following up on 3 reports. Recycling has been complete and is in MCCGJA site. Continuing to work on Scoops, Get the Picture, and Jail Checkup. Have been dealing with the issue that some of the responses to follow-up letters that we sent are being sent to the sitting Grand Jury. We are still working on how to deal with this so that the IRC gets the responses that it needs and information is available to the public.

Discussed how we put responses to IRC follow-up on the MCCGJA website. Gene can post what is packaged for him, however, there may be space issues.

D. Communications Chair – Gene

No report

E. Social Committee – Nancy

Will host June annual meeting at McGinnis. In July, will host a reception for the new Grand Jury, possibly at the Embassy Suites.

F. Orientation Chair – Betty

Not present

G. Training Chair – Catherine/Nadine

Not present

H. Board Delegates

None