

MINUTES - GENERAL MEETING

March 13, 2014 9:00 AM to 11:00 AM



Marin Civic Center **(Room 410-B)**

Marin Civic Center 3501 Civic Center Drive, San Rafael, CA 94903

Minutes 03-13-2014

1. Convene Meeting

- a. Mike convened the meeting at 9:00 a.m.

2. Roll Call

- a. Attendees: Linda Glasscock, Michael Chernock, Sharon Hunter, Owen Haxton, Marty Kornfeld, John Carlson, Ann Marie Melanephy, Catherine McKown, Patti Baseheart, Mary Jean Boyden, Jim Murad, Paul Premo, Peter Kiers, Rich Treadgold, Gene Dyer, Nadine Miller, Susan Simpson, Dennis Brown, John Dower.

3. Review/Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes

- a. The minutes from the February meeting were approved.

4. Review/Approval of Financial Report

- a. Sharon Hunter reported that we received three membership renewals and one new member.
- b. Regarding the concerns that were raised about protecting the money from the lifetime dues paying members. Sharon suggested that she place the money not allocated in the budget in a reserve fund.
- c. Sharon will pay the \$200 to the Novato Soroptimist for the production of the Grand Jury video. Nadine reported that the video was shot on March 12 and will be on U-Tube.

5. Sharon will send \$100 to the CGJA for the Bill Trautman fund to support training.

6. Report by Patti Baseheart

- a. Patti reported that we only have 21 applications for this year's Civil Grand Jury. The deadline for applications has been extended to April 20. If there are not enough candidates by April 1, the Judge will allow Patti to email all former Grand Jurors.
- b. It isn't clear why the interest is so low this year. The MCGJA and Patti have done nothing less than they have done in the past. In fact, the public speaking engagements increased this year thanks to Judy Chapman and other MCGJA volunteer speakers.

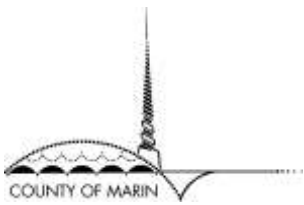
7. President's Comments

- a. Mike thanked Nadine for the Marin Voice article in the IJ on the Grand Jury.
- b. On April 5 the first meeting of the Capital Region will be in Sacramento. Mike is planning to attend.
- c. Out next Bay Area Regional (Chapter Dynamics) will be on May 3, 2014

8. Officer's General Remarks/Reports - None

9. Topic of the day: COMMITTEE OF THE MONTH - TRAINING

- a. Catherine McKown reviewed the draft Orientation schedule and potential speakers. The Orientation of the 2014-2015 Civil Grand Jury will be on July 8,9,10, 15,16,17. The Welcome Reception will be at 4:00 p.m. on July 16.
- b. The Orientation consists of two strands: the Governmental Strand and the Process Strand.



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- c. There will be a meeting on March 18 at 9:45 a.m. to discuss training schedule and speakers. The meeting will be in the back of the Civic Center Cafeteria. Please attend the MCGJA's input if valuable.
- d. Catherine needs a co-trainer for Karin Hern for the LAW section.

10. Committee Remarks/Reports

- a. Communications Technology Committee
 - i. After a lengthy discussion the following amendment to the Chapter By-Laws was approved by the MCGJA Chapter Board. Delete the following sentence. "Any amendment proposed by an Active Member pursuant to this Article 11 shall be approved if at least two-thirds (2/3) of the Active Members vote for it." And insert the following sentence in place of the one deleted. "Any amendment proposed by an Active Member pursuant to this Article 11 may be approved by the affirmative vote of two-thirds of the Active members voting."
 - ii. There was discussion regarding the election process and the deadline for voting. Mike will check the by-laws regarding the election period and adjust the end date if appropriate.
 - iii. The Election Committee for this Amendment is: Gene Dyer, MJ Boyden, and Rich Treadgold.
- b. Bylaws and Policies and Procedures Committee -None
- c. Continuity Committee
 - i. It was proposed that the IRG become the IRC and will come into the MCGJA Chapter. Approved.
 - ii. It was proposed that John Carlson be the Committee Chair. Approved.
- d. Outreach Recruiting -None
- e. Social Committee
 - i. The Annual Meeting and election will be held on May 9, 2014. Please hold that date. The invitation will be sent out soon.
The Chapter will NOT meet for our regular meeting on May 8, 2014
- f. Membership Review -None

11. New Business

12. Miscellaneous - for the Good of the Order

The statistics on sanity are that one out of every four Americans is suffering from some form of mental illness. Think of your three best friends. If they're okay, then it's you.

- Rita Mae Brown

13. Adjournment

- a. The meeting was adjourned at 10:40 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Linda Glasscock, Secretary