

Meeting Date: August 14, 2014

- 1) Owen let Gene Dyer know that in his absence, he was awarded an Honorary Life Membership in the Marin Chapter in recognition of his amazing and consistent - even contiguous years in support of and service to the MCCGJA. In response, Gene thanked the Board and declined to return the previously paid current year's dues of \$20.00. A hearty round of applause concluded the ceremony.
- 2) The Board meeting in situ moved to approve the By Law changes as sent out earlier this month. Passed. Gene reminded us to send a copy of any changes to the State Board. We began the full Chapter meeting.
- 3) Meeting called to order: Rich let us know that since both Nadine and Nancy are now Chairs of Committees, they are both automatically members of the Board. Therefore, their prior positions as Directors at Large are open and available for members who wish to apply. Interested members are asked to contact either Rich or MJ for further information.
- 4) **OFFICER CHECK-INS** (2 minutes each)
  - Secretary:** Business cards are available for those Board members who need them for the business of the Chapter. Please contact MJ if you wish to request them.
  - Vice President:** We welcomed Paul back, his back recovery is progressing and he's glad to be back on his feet.
  - Treasurer:** policy change - if an item is in the budget & the budget is passed, you will not have to justify the expense, All Chairs and officers need to get info to Peter by 8/15. Expenses: in the past, some members put costs on their own accounts or credit cards - he does not like that process happening. We now have debit card - so any sums larger than \$50, let Peter or Rich know.Budget questions:
  - does his report include income for the year: yes. We still have a reserve in case of unexpected expense.
  - Discussion about covering a portion of expenses for members to be delegates to Regional and State meetings. Historically - only \$50 towards registration.
  - Suggestion: we invite Beate (State) and Mike (Regionals - there are 3 or 4) to come and speak to our meeting regarding what role we should play, and how the information about these meetings is collected and reported. We don't know enough about how this is organized, and what the history is. Always ask the Experts!

#### 5) COMMITTEE CHAIRS CHECK- IN

##### **MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE:** Owen

Master Roster controlled by Treasurer, Working Roster by Owen. Only person to get membership list is Owen. (Excel spreadsheet format)

Membership Report:

17 Life members  
20 Multi-year members  
22 One year members  
14 not made up  
Total: 73

##### **SOCIAL COMMITTEE:** Sterling Harwell. Nancy Frease

First event: 9/10 - Luncheon in San Rafael at Il Davide - need to get your reservations (and \$\$\$) in promptly. Going to have a speaker about Senior financial and scam issues.

**COMMUNICATIONS COMMITTEE:** Gene (See Attachment A p.3 for his full Report.)

Some updates to the Website. Server has been changed , Gene, Rich, Sterling, Nadine all part of Committee. Demonstration is planned for the forthcoming luncheon on 9/10.

Procedure is for every committee chair to send information to Nadine - each Chair should be thinking about what they would like to see on the website. All the people who would like to be an editor or a reporter - raise your hand...!

**PUBLIC OUTREACH:** Nadine, Jean

Questionnaire sent out to membership - received 84% responses. Meeting August 7 - of whole committee - we will participate in the Senior Faire, thinking about having a raffle every hour to get attention. Other specific ideas:

Idge - GJ course at COM

Nadine - talking points

Rich - Gary Phillips - orientation sessions for people who might be interested

What is GJ - how can you serve? Margaret Todd center, Marin City, etc. Susan suggested they contact the churches in Marin City since they are often the center of social activities for their parishioners.

**IRC:** John Carlson

Met w/Jack Nixon. what kind of interface can we have with the GJ? In general, in favor of what we do - but he wants a firewall to protect them from what we do. After the presentation by John and Rich - they sent Rich a list of things they wanted us to do.

Worksheet - needs to be used for responses and recommendations - the current GJ is going to assume that role. They will use our templates - they will fill out initial responses

We will still send out letters - or they may

Timing of responses - amended responses - GJ continuity Committee will become much more powerful and proactive -

They were concerned that we identify ourselves NOT as GJ members. The positive: the process is evolving -

Pass on to IRC - after the second response - they will turn it over to us The one year follow up

**Attendees:**

Berger	Borden
Boyden	Carlson
Cassidy	Dyer
Erdmann	Gunn
Haxton	Kiers
Loughran	Marsh
Mattea	Muller
Premo	Sosa
Treadgold	

**Submitted:**

M.J.Boyden, Secretary

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Disclaimer: All information/misinformation is the responsibility of the Secretary; any errors or omissions are probably hers alone. On the other hand, if the initiation, trail and/or source of the misinformation can be identified, adjudication may be called for.

**Attachment**

**COMMUNICATIONS REPORT – 8-14-2-14**

1. **Life Membership – Thanks to Owen and those who voted for it.  
Pleasure to be recognized for contributions. Thank you!!!!  
I will not be requesting a refund of the annual dues I had already paid.**
2. **No new issue of web site for 2 months.**
  - A. **Joyce and I just returned from a 7 week trip to Ketchikan, Alaska and points enroute.**
  - B. **Have been updating our web site**
    - a. **Use Word Press to make it easier for editors**
    - b. **Changed server to be more compatible with both Word Press and old Group Mailing system**
3. **Committee Membership , limited to Myself, Rich, Sterling and added Nadine but will continue to solicit advice from others relative to web site content – especially related to the Home Page. If others would like to volunteer as working editors please let me know since I will be training both Rich and Nadine in the next few weeks.**
4. **Have created a tentative new more public layout and design**
  - A. **Home page will contain navigation menu and one line statements listing our services to public and Grand Jury (Outreach, Training and Reports Follow) – with links to their separate more detailed pages**
  - B. **News Letter – only very brief news of activities – with links to more detailed committee pages.**
  - C. **Detailed pages About Us, The Grand Jury, for each committee and other miscellaneous stuff.**
  - C. **Current plan is to have a demonstration at the September luncheon.**

**IMPORTANT: The News Editors are NOT the source of news. That has to come from the members, and especially from the Committee Chairs.**

**Please submit your news to either Nadine or me.**

**We will publish a new News Letter only when there is news to publish**