

BACDSC Board Meeting
Black Bear Diner in Fremont
Monday, January 13, 2020

Newly elected President Celia May (CM) Baldwin called the meeting to order at 11:14 a.m. All board members were on hand. They were Celia May Baldwin, Paula Bryant, Marie Ramos, Eugene La Cosse, Maureen Nieves, Shirley Dart and Marta Barnes. President Baldwin welcomed the new board member, Eugene La Cosse.

President CM, with strong, expansive and clear vision, gave the board a very warm welcome to start serving this new term, 2020. She valued transparency, clear communication and seeking input.

The board received minutes of board meeting on Monday, January 6, 2020 and one on the request of money for domain and website which was approved through emails. (These minutes will need to be approved at our next board meeting in April.)

BACDSC BINDERS

President CM passed out the agenda and the BACDSC Handbook to each board member. She oriented the members, explaining the importance of collecting and organizing all materials to insert in the handbook at every meeting as well as when receiving materials any time according to the table of contents. She asked for input and some adjustments were made with board's approval. The board members should bring the handbooks to every meeting.

GOALS OF OUR ORGANIZATION FOR 2020

The board discussed our goals of the organization:

- To increase the numbers of new or renewed members (membership has gone down to 188)
- To send out BACDSC scrapbook (pictures of events) as often as possible
- To have at least 5 or more workshops
- To send out information on needed services to caregivers at nursing homes with Deaf patients.

PUBLIC RELATIONS/TECHNICIAN SUPPORT

- Shirley was approached about her workload and she said that it was of no problem for her to continue the public relations part of sending out minutes, flyers and/or announcements.
- Elizabeth Grigsby has accepted the new post as our technician support.
- A menu of prices for certain work by the technician was shared and the board approved it (to be re-evaluated in one year).

MEETING SITES AND DATES FOR 2020

The board agreed that we meet at the Fremont Oak Gardens (FOG) on April 6th and September 14th at 10:00 AM. CM has made reservations at FOG for those two dates.

DUTIES OF EACH BOARD MEMBER

A quick review of each board member's duties and responsibilities was done. (Refer to the handbook as a reminder.)

2020 CALENDAR AT A QUICK GLANCE

CM came up with a new calendar of activities. She emphasized that it was a living calendar as some events could always be moved from one month to another. The board approved the calendar with one exception for the Fall Harvest Picnic to take place either on September 29 or October 1.

PROPOSED BUDGET FOR 2020

CM and Treasurer Maureen came up with a proposed budget for 2020. CM commented on Maureen's wonderful masterpiece of graphic tables/charts and all. The board approved the budget.

STANDING COMMITTEE MEMBERS FOR 2020

- Ray Schnell and Mike Ainsley will do bingo with CM and Marie.
- Mike Finneran will continue the Seniors Golfing events.
- Mike Finneran is the new trustee member replacing Celia May.
- Ralph Nieves and Jerry Grigsby will continue their SUPER BOWL POOL.
- Elizabeth and Jerry will continue working on the website/webpage for BACDSC.

BA-DSC (BAY AREA –DEAF SENIOR CLUBS

Shirley who was the chairperson for 2019 Holiday Luncheon for BA-DSC informed the board that the 6 club representatives have agreed to put holiday luncheon on hold for several years because there were no chairpersons willing to undertake this task for 2021. BACDSC will continue to monitor money that belongs to 6 clubs until further notice.

POSTCARDS TO REMIND MEMBERS

After some discussion, the board agreed to send out postcards to members about renewing their membership as the last resort before removing them from the membership list. Shirley may need help if there are a large number of postcards to do.

REPRESENTATIVE AT THE COMMUNITY LUNCHEON

Eugene was asked by CM to represent BACDSC at the Community Organizing Luncheon on January 12, 2020 at the California School for the Deaf. He went and shared the event with us. Dr. Wyatt Hall, research assistant professor from University of Rochester Medical Center, gave a brief presentation on cochlear

implants and moving beyond auditory deprivation. The purpose of this meeting was to make sure the community understood the ramifications of language deprivation so that they could be proactive.

REQUEST FOR FINANCIAL DONATION

Mike Finneran requested \$300 for the Northern California Golf Association of the Deaf. Seniors will play golf once a month at different golf courses. He expects to draw more seniors to join our organization.

The board approved his request and Maureen will send him a check for \$300. He is to send names of golfers who show up and of the winners to both Maureen and Shirley.

LIFETIME MEMBERSHIP PROPOSAL

CM suggested the 'wild' idea of having a lifetime membership. This will be under consideration and will be discussed again in April.

- 50 to 69 years old - \$50.00
- 70 to 79 years old - \$40.00
- 80 to 89 years old - \$30.00
- 90 years old and above FREE

SUBCOMMITTEE FOR BACDSC BROCHURE

Shirley, Eugene and CM will try to complete the brochure before the next board meeting.

BINGO PROJECTOR

The board approved purchase of a projector using BINGO funds.

INVENTORY OF EQUIPMENT

CM reminded the board of the need to update the inventory record of all equipment purchased and/or owned by the board.

FREMONT BANK

Treasurer Maureen shared about the Fremont Bank transaction fees charged and planned to follow up.

The meeting was adjourned at 2:11 PM.

Respectfully submitted by Eugene La Cosse, Secretary