

RPCC General Meeting Minutes March 14, 2016 - Rolando Park Elementary School

The meeting was called to order at 7PM by President Betty White.

Lynn Edwards gave the Treasurer's Report. We have 49 members currently, \$592 in dues, and \$615.10 in donations, with a total revenue of \$1,256.10, which is still a little short of last year's at this time. Of the 49 members, 20 are new, but only 29 of the 86 members from last year have renewed. Consequently, there will be a membership drive coming up.

Betty made the sad announcement that in the Spring she will be leaving our neighborhood and will then be closer to her children.

UPDATES

Kathryn Kern told us there was a good turnout at the Transition Streets introductory meeting on February 29th. The next meeting will be on March 28, and will cover the water section of Transition Streets. More people are welcome.

Betty is working on contracting the owner of Park Grove Apartments, which are reflecting a lot of work.

GUEST SPEAKER

Dustin Nickerson of the Kroc Center gave an extremely interesting and informative talk about the Kroc Center, which we are very lucky to have so nearby. He first gave us a brief history of the Center, starting in 1998 with Joan Kroc's 87 million dollar gift to build "a beacon of hope and light in the community." Through the Salvation Army and her 1.8 billion dollar donation, 26 more such centers have been built across the country.

He then explained some of the many activities available at the Kroc Center, categories including: Athletics (fitness, basketball, ice skating, ice hockey, and swimming), The Arts (ballet, piano, art lessons, a theater with excellent acoustics), Personal Development, including reading programs for adults and children, Spiritual Discovery (it is a Christian organization but welcoming to all), and Community Service, including a scholarship program, free community events, and day care (Play Care).

Memberships are reasonable: Seniors \$18-\$30, Families \$44-\$71, and Adults \$26-35. Guest passes are also available. There is something at the Kroc Center for everyone, truly.

The Saturday before Easter from 10-1 is the Annual Easter Egg Extravaganza.

Audrey Ledesma next spoke briefly about San Diego Neighborhoods for Clean Elections, and passed around a petition to sign. Clean Elections needs 60,000 signatures by June to get an initiative on the ballot in November for electing people who are not controlled by special interest groups or PACs.

We then heard from Dennis Clay, our representative from SD Fire and Rescue. He reminded us to all check the batteries in our smoke detectors, and informed us that sand bags are now being given out at recreation centers rather than fire stations. The closest ones to us are the City Heights Rec Center and Allied Gardens Rec Center. Dennis also spoke about Project Heartbeat, which has saved many lives by making defibrillators accessible in such places as schools and recreation centers. In addition, if you know how to give CPR you can sign up for Pulse Point, an app that sends you a ping if someone close-by needs CPR.

Officer Terry Hoskins next discussed the recent spike in crime in our area, and reminded us of the value of watching out for each other's home and property, and to report suspicious activity to the SDPD. More information, please go to "Detailed Synopsis of Officer Terry Hoskins" posted by Kathryn Kern in Crime and Safety on Nextdoor.

A representative from Assemblymember Shirley Weber's office passed out flyers about upcoming events: Senior Scam Stopper on April 13, Americans with Disabilities Act Compliance Workshop of April 29, and Apprenticeship Informational Career Fair on June 11. For more information please contact Assemblymember Weber's office at 619.531.7913.

Lastly, Judy Fleischman shared information from Principal Irazema Valdivieso regarding Rolando Park Elementary School, including a recent break-in at the school in which a variety of valuable electronic items were stolen. In that regard Irazema asked neighbors to please stroll around the school over Spring Break, the last week of March, and report any anomalies to SDPD. Also Parent-Teacher conferences will be the week of the 21st and students will have minimum days. Rolando Park is having a fundraiser called Pasta for Pennies on behalf of the American Cancer Society for research in cancers in children. Contribute through eating at Olive Gardens or donating directly to the school, anytime this month. Finally, Principal Valdivieso wanted us to know about the Morgan-Hill lawsuit, a very controversial case which California parents, students, and grandparents should know about, and spread the word about how to protect students personal records held by the California Department of Education. Objection form may be obtained at: cde.ca.gov/morganhillcase and must be mailed to the court by April 1, 2016. In ending, Irazema says she appreciates the RPCC.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:40.