

**FRIENDS OF TORRANCE EXCEPTIONAL ATHLETES
BOARD MEETING
January 17, 2012**

BEFORE THE MEETING:

Karen Geyer introduced the two volunteers who have been working on the Bocce Court Project, Bob Chiota and Joe Massa. Karen gave the history of us trying to build Bocce courts for many years so that our athletes could practice Bocce the correct way.

Bob Chiota talked to us about their getting support from Louis Zamporini and Kristina Rappati, both well-known in Torrance. Now they would like to begin approaching major corporations. They want to work with FTEA in deciding what the relationship is between the Bocce Court Project and FTEA. It was suggested that Karen Geyer be FTEA's representative to the Bocce Court committee. Joe stated that he and the City representatives have worked out a proposal that incorporates specifications required for tournaments and those required by the City. That proposal is already set. If the funds run a little short, John Jones said that it could go before the City Council to provide the rest of the funds needed. Elmer asked who will be responsible for paying for maintenance. Joe explained that the courts will be artificial turf and have drainage to take care of the water. Bob mentioned that the bill for the Bocce Court Project is \$100. He asked that we pay the bill from the Projects funds in our treasury. It was agreed.

The meeting was called to order at 7:23 PM by President Morrie Rice. All board members were present except Cheryl Rice. The minutes were read. Elmer moved we accept the minutes as read, Barbara seconded the motion and the minutes were approved.

Morrie announced we have received donations of \$2,000 from the Rotary Club and \$500 from the Kiwanis.

Lee gave the Treasurer's report. We have received over \$1,000 from Bobby Fick's fund. Also, \$1,000 from Shirley Hashimoto. In 2011 our total donations were \$8,297. In January our cash on hand is \$7,139. We received \$285.11 from Hof's Hut for our fundraiser. Barbara moved we accept the treasurer's report, Carol seconded the motion and the motion carried.

Lee would like to know exactly what is FTEA's purpose and responsibilities. Discussion followed. Lee will make a list of questions to give to Phil.

Barbara announced that South Bay Sunrise Rotary Club would like to have a representative from FTEA come to a meeting at 7:15 AM on a Wednesday at Marie Callender's to speak to them. They may give a \$2,000 grant.

The Torrance Firefighters will give us a fundraiser at Scully's Tavern and Restaurant on February 23rd from 5:00 to 8:00 PM.

Karen talked about Hometown Buffet. We buy cards for \$5.00 and sell them for \$10.00. Each card gives several dinners.

We discussed selling items at the April Sports Festival. Karen, Barbara and Kerry will look into prices of various items. One favored item was a sling backpack.

Lee has a young friend who is handling our organization on Facebook. She will put on pictures, our brochure, etc.

Discussing our website. Carol moved we pay Scott Creamer \$250 for 6 months service on our website. Kerry seconded the motion and the motion carried. We have several additions and changes for the website that are needed.

Lee had concerns that volunteers, such as Bob and Joe, go out and solicit money in FTEA's name. He would like us to have more oversight over anything that is done in our name. Morrie suggested that Karen coordinate the Bocce fundraising. The volunteers should show Karen the application to corporations and Karen will show this to Morrie. On the website it will say SBBC.

The next meeting will be February 21st at 6:30. Kerry will check to see if we can meet at Harbor Regional Center. Barbara moved that the meeting be adjourned, Carol seconded, and the motion carried. The meeting was adjourned at 9:15 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Adrian Bleidistel, Secretary

The meeting, February 21st, will be held in Room A1 at Harbor Regional Center.