

FRIENDS OF TORRANCE EXCEPTIONAL ATHLETES

BOARD MEETING

August 20, 2013

The meeting was called to order at 7:44 PM by President Morrie Rice. Those present were Morrie and Cheryl Rice, Angi Bug, Lee Altenes, Kerry Ryerson, Joel Massa, Adrian Bleidistel, and Carol Schreiner. Also present was Elmer Bleidistel, retired board member, and Blob Chiota.

Carol moved the minutes be approved as read. Kerry seconded the motion and the motion carried.

Morrie called for nominations for Vice-President. No one spoke up so it was tabled to the next meeting. Joel moved that the board members e-mail Morrie with suggestions for Vice-President during the month. Lee seconded the motion and it carried.

Adrian stated that the \$350 voted on as the budget for the Family Picnic was not adequate to put on the type of picnic we're used to. Cheryl moved we agree to spend up to \$500 on the picnic. Carol seconded the motion and the motion carried.

Treasurer's Report: At the end of July, FTEA had \$31,292.69 cash on hand. This includes the Bocce Court Project account with \$11,249.82. After paying expenses and money earmarked for other activities, our cash amount will be \$15,296.07.

There was discussion on the Bocce account. The Chamber of Commerce expense of \$355 had not been approved. Bob and Joel questioned why they had to have our approval since they had raised the money and it was for their special project. We explained that the board needs to know where and why the money in our treasury is going. It is a matter of procedure and we have no intention of refusing the requests for Bocce Project expenses. The Chamber of Commerce expense was approved.

Lee reported on the Walkathon. We made \$438.17 less this year than last. Our total donations were \$9,084.78. Our expenses were also higher. There was discussion on prizes, if we were going to give prizes, and the amount to be spent on prizes. Carol made a motion that we give prizes for the Walkathon donations. Angi seconded it and the motion carried.

Kerry reported on the Comedy and Magic Club fundraiser with Sunrise Rotary. We need to sell 166 tickets to break even. We are liable, with Sunrise Rotary, for the remainder of the money if the tickets are not sold. The tickets will sell for \$75 apiece. This includes a lavish dinner, silent auction, and the show. This event will take place near the end of April next year. Much discussion followed. For the sake of time, Morrie tabled discussion on this topic until the next meeting.

Kerry also mentioned that we are the spotlight charity for the Sunrise Rotary's Rat Trip bicycle ride. The Rotary needs 10 volunteers from our group to help with the ride. That should not be a problem.

Morrie asked if we have heard from the firemen. Lee will talk with Barbara, who is our contact with the firemen. Will she remain our contact, or would she give us the information on them so we can appoint someone else to be our contact.

Joel and Bob are talking about having a fundraiser at the California Pizza Kitchen. The proceeds would be split between the Bocce Court Project and FTEA. Cheryl made a motion that we support this event and divide the proceeds between the Bocce Project and FTEA. Carol seconded the motion and the motion carried.

Morrie wants a mass mailing to our data base reminding people to remember us at the end of the year. A donation to us is tax deductible. He needs someone to volunteer to write the letter.

Joel and Bob reported on a meeting with the City of Torrance. The meeting included John Jones, and a city planner. A maintenance supervisor also attending refigured the cost and said the Bocce Courts could be built for about

\$45,000, down from \$50,000 to \$60,000. Then the city planner suggested that we build the courts and donate them to the city. Bob asked for this suggestion in writing. Since this is the opposite of what the city has said for years, the board is skeptical and we want more information, as well as seeing this in writing. Therefore this topic was tabled until the next meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:25 PM.

Next meeting will be Tuesday, September 10th.

Respectfully submitted,

Adrian Bleidistel, Secretary