

Committee Chair: Joe DeCenzo

Committee Members: Paul Armbruster, Gerardo Barrientos, Debby Beck, Lucy Berman, Abby Diamond, Scott Froshauer, Dawn Jenkins, Michelle Ramage, Bill Skiles, Corey Stein

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Arts, Recreation & Culture Committee Meeting (STARC)

Tuesday, July 23, 2019 @ 7:30 PM

McGroarty Arts Center

7570 McGroarty Ter., Tujunga 91042

MINUTES (Approved)

In Attendance: Joe DeCenzo, Bill Skiles, Gerardo Barrientos, Michelle Ramage, Dawn Jenkins **Guests:** Liliana Sanchez, Chris Hume, Ren Yogamaya

1. **CALL TO ORDER: Introductions; Approval of Minutes/ Joe DeCenzo** convened meeting at 7:46 p.m. News of Roberta Cole's passing struck committee hard. A few moments were taken to share memories of her decades of participation and contributions to the community. For the benefit of the guests, introductions were passed around the table. Chris Hume stated he is an animator. Florence Ren Figueroa (Yogamaya) announced she is a yoga instructor and author of "Eat By Color." STNC president Liliana Sanchez informed the committee she enjoys Middle Eastern Dancing. Michelle Ramage moved to approve the minutes of June 25 with noted corrections. Dawn Jenkins seconded. Motion passed 5-0.
2. **PUBLIC COMMENTS:** for non-agenda items. Michelle announced "National Night Out" on August 6th at Little Landers Park and encouraged all to attend. Liliana announced speakers for upcoming STNC meeting of August 14th: Gilbert Wright from District Mental Health Services and City Attorney Mark Ross. They will discuss legal options and policies for homeless vagrancy and the camps they occupy. This month's meeting will be held at Tujunga United Methodist Church. They are generously volunteering the space.
3. **DISCUSSION:** Chris Hume, "A.D.D. Man" animation event: Chris made quite an impact on the committee by attending the meeting in his super hero wardrobe. He and Ren are seeking a venue to provide free screenings of his animated series "A.D.D. Man." He created the series to educate young people and generate conversation about Attention Deficit Disorder. Dawn suggested they approach Apperson Elementary School. Former committee member Danielle Eubank's daughter Severiene Beasley attends as does Lucy's daughter Zoey Berman. Liliana suggested contacting L.A. council member Monica Rodriguez about screening some episodes prior to her summer movies. Michelle offered to speak with the Rotary club on their behalf to check if they can offer them a certificate of liability for their public gatherings.
4. **Rotary Club:** July 4th summary upcoming events: Michelle Ramage announced this year's parade was a success and well attended. Rotary is seeking a celebrity to act as Grand Marshal for next year's parade. They are also hoping the community can band together to bring the Fourth of July festival and fireworks back to the area next year for they were sorely missed.
5. **UPDATE:** McGroarty Arts Center: **Dawn Jenkins** is excited about the "Burgers, Beer and Band" event scheduled for August 24th. She is requesting a letter of recommendation from STARC for STNC to provide funds to rent a golf cart to ferry patrons from the lower parking lot to the event site. In exchange, STNC can post promotional signage and a representative can drive the cart to engage guests as an outreach opportunity.

ADJOURN: 9:12 p.m.