

Committee Chair: Joe DeCenzo

Committee Members: Gerardo Barrientos, Debby Beck, Lucy Berman, Dawn Jenkins, Bill Skiles, Corey Stein, K.T. Travers*, Karen von Gunten, Michelle Wadler*

*Denotes STNC board member Quorum = 6

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Arts, Recreation & Culture Committee Meeting (STARC)

Tuesday, January 25, 2022 @ 7:30 PM Pacific Time (U.S. and Canada)

MINUTES (DRAFT)

In Attendance: Joe DeCenzo, Karen von Gunten, Gerardo Barrientos, K.T. Travers, Dawn Jenkins, Lucy Berman, Michelle Wadler, Debby Beck **Guests:** Lallah Rowe, Cindy Cleghorn, Jelyza Crismon, Wendy Pintor, Eric Owens, Arpa Sinanyan, Priscilla Jin

- 1. Call To Order; Introductions, Approval of Minutes of December 28, 2021:** Joe DeCenzo, committee chair convened the meeting at 7:36 p.m. Guests Wendy Pintor and Eric Owens introduced themselves as representing "The Foothill Telegram Newspaper (online)." Priscilla J., Jelyza C., and Arpa S. are members of the Verdugo Hills High School Leadership class. The committee chair read through the minutes of December 28, 2021. Gerardo Barrientos moved to approve the minutes as written. K.T. Travers seconded. The motion passed 7-0. As STARC was unable to convene in December, the minutes of November 23, 2021 were read into the record and presented to the attending committee for approval. Michelle Wadler moved to approve as written. Gerardo seconded. The motion passed 8-0.
- 2. Review mission statement; Code of Conduct; Quorum requirements:** Joe DeCenzo summarized the committee training meeting conducted by board president Lydia Grant on January 16, 2021. He reviewed the code of conduct and instructed the committee members to sign and return to board secretary Carol Hutchinson. All committee members are willing to sign the document. Gerardo Barrientos will seek more information before submitting a signed copy.
- 3. Public Comments/Updates for Non-Agenda Items:** Committee members/Guests Gerardo Barrientos would like to explore the possibility of making "inclusion" more prominent in board presentation and policy. Joe will add to next agenda. Joe announced the California Arts Commission is accepting applications for California Poet Laureate until January 28, 2022. It is a paid position that requires speaking engagements and publication of poetic compositions.
- 4. Discussion/Action:** Application of Joanna Gates to join STARC Committee TABLED
- 5. Update -- McGroarty Arts Center:** Dawn Jenkins shared her screen to display the new website for MAC. The arts center has announced a new ceramic "Cup" show to run June 4-25. They also announced more online classes are coming. To allay any concerns, both Dawn and Gerardo confirmed that the arts center is diligent and stringent about using non-leaded glaze for their work. There are other toxins as well that they restrict from being used. Dawn conveyed a message from Joanna Gates that the center could also benefit from new children's chairs for the center.
- 6. Speaker-Q & A:** "How We Can Work Together." STNC; Youth and Adult Education Committee; Lallah Rowe regrets not being a member of STARC. She is an active supporter of the arts in Sunland-Tujunga-Shadow Hills, but she stays very busy with the sum of her community involvement. She is an active member of Foothills Toastmasters and serves on the board of "Artists For a Better World." She is seeking artists and tradespeople to

produce videos of an educational nature for display on the STNC website. She is seeking ideas about collaboration and things that elevate us all. She can be reached at write2rowe@yahoo.com.

7. **Discussion:** Monitor and report on L.A. City Arts related issues: Although the committee is concerned with what's going on as well as what's being taken away, no members are available to monitor the city meetings at this time.
8. **Discussion:** Hanukkah in the Foothills 2022: Lucy Berman announced the start of committee work for this year's event. She is considering December 18 although the date has not been secured yet. She is hoping to involve the Rotary club and S-T Forward once again.
9. **Discussion/Action:** Bus Bench Ads: Committee: Joe presented the idea of a photo of a donkey with the slogan "Get Off Your Ass and Join Us." Other slogans include "Don't Beat Us, Join Us," and "Great for Bikers and for Hikers."
10. **Update -- STNC Funding Requests:** Folding chairs for McGroarty Arts Center: Joe announced the STNC board rejected STARC's request for the funding of chairs.
11. **Community project updates:** Gerardo Barrientos (Pinewood mural), Michelle Wadler ("Phoenix Rising) Michelle Wadler stated that principal Chavez with regard to the mounting of the mosaic. Response is taking longer than expected. It is believed a staffing shortage is the reason for the delay. Gerardo is progressing with his mural at Pinewood Elementary school. The school is taking responsibility for some small repairs in the work area (i.e broken pipe, moisture on the wall.) They are also in the process of acquiring a lift to assist the painters in areas that are difficult to reach.

Adjourn 9:17 p.m.