

WISPPA Meeting Minutes of 4.6.19

South Pasadena Senior Center Great Room, 11021/2 Oxley Street, South Pasadena, CA 91030

Present: Betty Emirhanian, Lela Bissner, Ellen Wood, Dollie Chapman, Bianca Richards, Judith Harris, Marina Khubersian, Mark Gallatan, Tamara Bennis, Kim Hughes, Howard Spector, Avick Manoukian, Elizabeth Casillas, Stephanie DeWolfe, Roxy Ortiz, Delaine Shane, Becky Thompson, Bill Kelly, Rick Schnyder, Karen Aceves, Sally Kilby, Eric Fabbro, Kay Mouradian, Gail Maltun, Alan Maltun, Mary Urquhart, Lynda Sullivan, Linda Krausen, Michael Cacciotti, Marian Khrustaleva.

1. Call to Order: By Betty Emirhanian, WISPPA President at 9:34AM
2. Introduction of Guests and New Members: Elizabeth Casillas, Bill Kelly.
3. South Pasadena Preservation Foundation Announcement: Mark Gallatan and Marina Khrustaleva:
The Preservation Foundation is hosting a tour of historic churches in South Pasadena on 5.4.19 between 12 and 4PM. Docent volunteers are needed between 12:45 and 4PM. There will be 2 shifts of docents; each shift will be for 2 hours. There will be a docent training on 4.22.19. Those who wish to be docents please contact Marina Khrustaleva at m.artranger@gmail.com
4. Approval of Minutes: Minutes of 3.2.19 approved.
5. City of South Pasadena Budget Presentation by City Manager, Stephanie DeWolfe, with the assistance of city employees, Karen Aceves and Tamara Bennis:
This presentation is one that the City and City Manager have given to citizens in venues around the city. The city is facing an ever-growing financial deficit due to issues with not having enough money to fund city pensions for retiring city employees going forward past 2020. Options for raising city revenue to fund pensions and so that the city will not run into huge financial deficits that will negatively impact the provision of city services going forward were presented and discussed. At the end of the presentation, there was a "Q and A" session. A survey, which is also available online at the City of So Pas website, was distributed for attendees to complete and return to the city re: citizen choices for raising revenues. Emphasis was placed upon citizen input re: best measures to raise city revenues.
6. WISPPA Name Change: Since a vote was recently taken to change WISPPA's name to "Women in South Pasadena for Political Activism," the by-laws needed to be amended to allow for this.
M/S/C: Re: Changing WISPPA by-laws to allow for WISPPA's name change.
7. Announcement re: Public Works Commission Meeting to be held on 4.10.19 at 7PM.
8. Adjournment: 11:20PM by Betty Emirhanian, President

Minutes respectfully submitted by Judith M. Harris, WISPPA Secretary