

WISPPA Meeting Minutes of 2.2.19
Annual “Community Connections” Meeting featuring “The Natural Side of South Pasadena”
South Pasadena Senior Center Great Room, 1102 Oxley Street, South Pasadena, CA 91030

Present: Dollie Chapman, Sheila Rossi, Betty Emirhanian, Ellen Wood, Barbara Eisenstein, Mary Urquhart, Stephanie Payner Campbell, Barbara Sinclair, Rick Schneider, Julie Eisenstein, Gina Atkinson, Jane Hannible, Avick Manukian, Sally Kilby, Marianne Veach, Kelly Koldus, Wendy Kerfoot, Bill Kelly, Alan Jutzi, Judith Harris, Kim Hughes, Karen Weinstock, Michelle Trafficante, Steven Lawrence, Delaine Shane, Kay Findley, Fred Findley, Gretchen Robinette, Vic Robinette, Lela Bissner, Roxy Ortiz, Ellen Daigle, Lynda Sullivan, Melisa Wilson, Michael Cacciotti, Elizabeth Casillias, Bianca Richards, Becky Thompson, Marina Kubersian, Monica Kelly.

1. Call to Order: 9:37AM by President Betty Emirhanian
2. New Members and Guests announced by Betty Emirhanian: Alan Jutzi, Gina Atkinson, Stephanie Campbell, Monica Kelly, Wendy Kerfoot, Karen Weinstock, Michelle Trafficante, Fred Findley, Kay Findley
Jane Hannible and Avick Manukian from the South Pasadena Police Officers Association were announced. Officer Manukian is the current President of the Association.
3. Minutes Approval: M/S/C---Minutes of 1.12.19 approved with some spelling changes
4. Annual “Community Connections” Panel---2019 Topic: “The Natural Side of South Pasadena”
The panel consisted of Barbara Eisenstein, William (Bill) Kelly, Marianne Veach and Richard Schneider. Climate scientist Peter Kalmus was scheduled but did not attend. All panelists are experts in various areas of environmental issues. All live in the City of South Pasadena. Barbara Eisenstein who has been very instrumental in developing South Pasadena’s nature park was the panel moderator. Panelists spoke and there was ample opportunity for audience members to participate in “Q and A.”

Please see the attached article written by WISPPA member, Sally Kilby, which was published in the South Pasadena Review following the 2.2 19 WISPPA meeting.

5. Announcements: President Betty Emirhanian made the following announcements:
 - A) A national movement originating with the National Women’s History Alliance is organizing through local Pasadena women who belong to the Alliance to celebrate the 100th Anniversary of the Passage of Nineteenth Amendment. Betty Emirhanian, Lela Bissner and Judith Harris attended a “Kick Off” meeting about organizing activities and events around this Centennial. Betty would like to organize a local South Pasadena committee with other community groups to configure a program/programs to celebrate this Centennial. The main Centennial organizing committee of Pasadena has plans to fund-raise as much as \$300,000 to fund a float for the 2020 Tournament of Roses (TOR) Rose Parade float. The new President of the TOR, Laura Farber, is one of only two women to serve as President, and a local South Pasadenan. She is very much in support of the float and activities re: the Centennial celebration.
 - B) The City of South Pasadena awarded WISPPA a Certificate of Appreciation.
 - C) The “Love of Chocolate” event sponsored by the South Pasadena Women’s Club is taking place next Saturday.
 - D) Betty had wanted to discuss and vote with membership on changing the name of WISPPA from “Women in South Pasadena for Political Action” to “Women in South Pasadena for Public Action” but there was no time to do so. Since there was to be no general WISPPA meeting on the first Saturday of March, March 2, the group decided to have a “general business” WISPPA meeting at the Senior Center Great Room on Saturday March 2, 2019 with refreshments starting at 9PM; meeting to start at 9:30PM.
6. Adjournment: 10:58PM by Betty Emirhanian

Minutes respectfully submitted by Judith M. Harris, WISPPA Secretary

