

**MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS
PARKINSON'S SUPPORT GROUP OF SONOMA COUNTY**

On-Line Zoom Meeting, May 20, 2020

Members Present: Nancy Wilson, Chair, Tess Lorraine, Marie Kay Hansen, John Hamilton, Bill Jordan, Marc Alexander, Meg Alexander, Patrick Hardman, Judy Deas, Cheryl Fox, Susanna Kraus

Members Absent: Sandy Barrett.

1. **CALL TO ORDER:** The meeting was called to order by the Chair at 12:10.
2. **APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES:** The minutes of April 25, 2020 meeting were approved: Motion by Patrick Hardman, second by Marc Alexander
3. **TREASURER'S REPORT:** Judy Deas reviewed with the Board our financial situation.

In the Profit Loss Statement, she noted that the singing instructor declined to take a salary during the Covid-19 interlude. Dance Instructor Torri has also declined salary for April. However, the Dance teachers would like to hire a piano player at a cost of \$ 100 per class. This was approved by the Board. They have already conducted a class via Zoom and are working to improve the audio/video quality for the future.

The Board approved a \$350 expenditure for the editing of the April Monthly Meeting recording by Jay Bell, with the understanding and clarification that we are a volunteer organization and need to use volunteer support for such tasks. Motion by Marc Alexander; second by Patrick Hardman.

There is no rent on the Church for three months. Rent for the Odd Fellows Hall will be determined by Nancy. Also, because the Bank interest on our Money Market account is minuscule, Judy will see if the bank has other investment opportunities that offer a greater return.

Profit & Loss

Income: Oliver's Community Card \$78.58; Interest \$.28 - Total Income for the month = \$78.86.

Expenses: Dance Class Expense \$270.00; Bookkeeping Expense \$83.50; Facilities Rental <\$275.00>. [These were two payments made for the facilities rental that were voided: Payment made in November that was not cashed due to non-use from the fires, and the check payment for the March meeting where the facilities were not used due to COVID.] - Total expenses = \$78.50

Net Income for April is <\$.36>. YTD is <\$381.06>.

4. BOARD BUSINESS:

The Board took up the ongoing discussion on how to stay in touch with our members. The Board discussed at some length sending out a monthly newsletter with links to the various PSGSC programs each month. Highlighting a profile of one member each month could be a feature of the newsletter. Digital technology offers new ways to reach members with local programs. John Hamilton suggested that we consider ways to take advantage of members interacting with each other on these Platforms as a way to get them more involved.

Our email platform and its use will be further explored by Nancy, Cheryl, Maggie and Tess.

5. PROGRAMS:

Marc reported one change in the Speakers Program:

June 13: Barbara Corinblit: “Voice & Communication Issues”

July 11: “The Talk” Conversations about end-of-life Issues

(TBD: Tess, Cheryl, Nancy)

August 8: Dr. Phil Grob: “Cannabis”

September 12: Robert Leavitt and Sarina Ferguson: “ LVST-BIG”

Nancy shared with the Board a recent article in The New Yorker by Atul Gawande, and another in the New York Times (5/19/20) “Time for Talk with Loved Ones is Now” which emphasis the importance in this time of pandemic to engage in conversations with loved ones regarding end of life directives. This was to be a focus of the Crossroads Conference in September that has been postponed. It was agreed that we pick up this topic for the July 11th Monthly Meeting. This led to a broader discussion on the same topic and a

variety of possibilities. A working group of Nancy, Cheryl and Tess will explore this.

6. WEB SITE

In response to a suggestion at the last Board meeting, Nancy added a donation tab to the group's web site. It was agreed that we can extend this to be included for Zoom classes and Monthly Meeting. Judy will investigate adding payment app to website/newsletter such as: PayPal & Apple Pay. The April Monthly Meeting talk on Sleep was recorded, edited and will be accessible through a YouTube link on our web site.

7. CALENDAR

It was noted that the September PANC Conference in Sacramento is postponed but will happen at a future date.

All other events, previously noted on prior Minutes, have been cancelled.

8. NEW BUSINESS

Nancy checked with the Board about this month's 12:00 pm meeting time. It seems to work for us, and so will continue for now.

9. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the Board was adjourned at 1:20 pm. The next meeting will be on-line Zoom, Wednesday, June 17, 2020, at 12:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted, Meg Alexander, Recording Secretary