

HLAA Long Beach/Lakewood Board Meeting Minutes

11/14/18

Present: Gail Morrison, Van Vonburg, Craig Bowlby, Ellen Mathis, Ilga Dravnieks, Katie Wright, Maxine Barton-Bauman, Ram Kakkar, Linda DeGuire

CTO: 12:15 pm

Treasurer Report: Questions about Loop installation - still being considered by city; Did Chapter approve the expenditure? Yes. Suggestion: keep a file of chapter meeting minutes and treasurer reports at the table.

President Report: Welcome to Ellen Mathis who has agreed to take over Membership. News from National: want to nominate Katie for her work on the Informer but she declined the nomination. Perhaps nominate Ilga for her work on the newsletter.

Vice-President Report absent

Corresponding Secretary Report: sent out welcoming postcards to visitors

Committee Reports:

HAT Continuing; have scheduled the 2nd Saturdays of the month for 2019.

Informer:

Ilga has been an amazing support for our Editor. Many hours a month have been saved.

Discussion: We don't know how many are actually reading the emailed newsletter. Who prefers to receive the paper copy? They can pay \$10. Katie does send a few out to people who may not be able to afford it. Perhaps send paper copies to organizations, senior centers, etc.

Put a map to Weingart in the newsletter. Send out email 10 days before with meeting info in body of email and include map.

Create catchy promo for next meeting - Van will do that. Gail will send him the info from the speaker. He will send his catchy description to Katie for the newsletter.

Flyer that Ilga is going to produce for each meeting will become page 3 of the Informer.

Lip Reading: Wednesday class is not meeting Nov. 21st, the day before Thanksgiving. Then they break for the holidays after the Dec. 19th meeting and resume Jan. 9th, 2019.

*request from HLAA City of Orange for a presentation on LipReading. Linda DeGuire will do it.

Looping: attached; emails were sent to everyone regarding the looping of the Civic Center; Katie will write something up for the Informer.

Port of Long Beach Grants: do we want to apply for a grant? Ellen knows someone who may help.

Membership/Welcoming:

Gail has appointed a new Membership Chair: Ellen Mathis. Katie and she will manage the transition.

Ellen reported that all five new visitors to the chapter meeting heard about it at OLLI. Maxine was the one who took the flyers there. Conclusion: The new flyer distribution is a success!

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Outreach: Katie presented at Mission Viejo chapter on Oct. 8; has nothing scheduled for the future at this point; she is taking a welcomed break. Gail is trying to get something going with AAUW.

Programs/Publicity

December meeting party:

*Ellen's idea of individuals sharing their hearing aid story- Ellen will start;

*everyone bring "whatever" for food - put in newsletter;

*too late for White Elephant; we will have 5 not-wrapped presents, Ellen will bring 5 bags. Use tickets to "draw" who will get them. Who will bring items: Ellen, Katie, Gail, _____, _____.

*Ellen will call Dr. DeKriek to see how he wants to incorporate his flower/batteries give away.

*Katie will come up with a mixer as they walk in the door - Match paired words.

*Katie will decorate the tables.

*Katie will do a Holiday green screen also if she has time to get it ready.

January - De Kriek audiograms - bring your own; publicize it in December newsletter also - bring yours and/or get it from your audiologist

February - Katie to do "how to hear at the movies;" will look into having Regal, AMC or Cinemark come or loan equipment. After meeting, have a sign-up for a movie outing.

March -

April -

May -

June - party

Old Business:

Awaiting word from Sabrina on looping of large assembly room

Register for Ralphs - problems with registering. Perhaps have people bring their Ralph's cards to a meeting and someone can help them sign up.

Website: Katie has updated; Tim Browning is working building a new site for us. Add a page to include Board and Chapter minutes and Treasurer's Reports

New Business:

- 1) Discuss Membership Research at next meeting.
- 2) City of Long Beach Emergency Safety Meeting
- 3) Gretchen Swanson: Effort on E. 10th street - safety, transit issue, wants us to have a table at their event. Gail to confirm with Bonnie about manning a table and handing out flyers; Ilga will create a flyer geared to personal safety.
- 4) Increase our social events: dinner and a movie, PaintNite, clay.

Calendar

November 17 HAT Demo
December 13 Chapter Meeting
December 19 Board Meeting
January 10 HAT DEMO
January 13 Chapter Meeting
January 23 Board Meeting

Meeting adjourned: 1:58pm