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MINUTES of the SPECIAL MEETING of the BOARD OF DIRECTORS

November 16, 2009

Valley Plaza Library, Vanowen St. & Laurel Grove Ave., North Hollywood, CA

CALL TO ORDER: Pres. Randal Luse called the meeting to order at 6:39 PM and led the pledge of allegiance. Sec. J. Eric Freedner took roll. Present: Florence Dorick, Mr. Freedner, Judy Harris-Brice, Randal Luse, Phil Manson, Ben Moore, Inez Morin, and Sarah Ramsawack. (Dr. Wung Chang arrived a few minutes later.)

PUBLIC COMMENTS: No stakeholders in attendance.

BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS: Mr. Manson asked whether his requests for agenda items for advertising in the church newsletter and \$100 to pay for a website were on Thursday's agenda. Mr. Freedner replied, the newsletter issue is on, Mr. Luse added that the website funding request was not.

ELECTIONS INFORMATION: With the arrival of Lorenzo Harris from the City Elections Dept., the meeting turned to its main topic. Mr. Harris distributed elections information booklets and began to go through various details. The Board objected generally to the provision that "15 members were to be elected," noting that only 8 were to be elected under the staggered seating system per our By-Laws. Ms. Ramsawack asked if Katie Pelych was to be re-elected in March. Mr. Freedner reviewed his records as to which seats would be up for election (Ms. Pelych would keep her seat until 2012). Discussion about how many seats in which categories were to be filled; also, as to how the polling place (L.A. Housing Authority) was selected, did not seem a good location to some members. Queries about parking and access. Also, mail-in ballots – only could be used by certified disabled persons per the City's booklet. How would people learn of election in time to submit candidate statements? Elections Dept. only handling elections, the outreach is up to the individual NC's and/or DONE. Further discussion about deadlines, we won't get candidate filing forms until January and also need updated election booklets. Not much time to inform people, in time for names to appear on the ballot anyway. Board not ready to officially approve election until the changes as to how many members (and in which categories) can be made and re-submitted to us.

BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS:

Mr. Moore – suggests that policy and procedure issue and establishment of a Rules Committee come up for Thursday’s meeting. He plans to take the Treasurer training on Friday. Cannot do both jobs of Treasurer and Rules Committee.

Mr. Luse – asked Mr. Manson for contact information as to website. Further discussion. Mr. Manson disheartened about Board’s seeming lack of interest in funding the final small amount to bring it to fruition, leaves the meeting.

Ms. Dorick – Attended Valley Alliance meeting last week. According to 4 or 5 people there, DONE doesn’t know how much money is in the till, 3 years behind in Quarterly Reports. Scared we won’t get \$96,000 in rollover funds. All credit cards shut down, some re-activated, some purchases “bounced.” Mr. Freedner cautioned this may not be the official story. Ms. Morin added that she still has our credit card and can pull out cash.

Ms. Ramsawack – Also at the Alliance meeting, an interesting debate between Krekorian and Esser. Holiday party, Dec. 10, at CBS Studios, potluck. All are invited.

Mr. Freedner – Saw Mango Tango Club was dark Sunday night, may be closed down now. Not sure of specifics of re-zoning or reconsideration requests following apparent City action. We can’t take a stand unless we have specific information.

ADJOURNMENT: Due to the lateness of the hour, Mr. Luse said he’d entertain a motion to adjourn. Ms. Harris-Brice so moved, Dr. Chang seconded, and by unanimous vote, the motion passed, the meeting ending at 7:50 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

J. ERIC FREEDNER
Secretary