GRAY PANTHERS SANTA BARBARA NETWORK

MINUTES

APRIL 29, 2022, JAVA STATION

MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE:

JO BLACK, JAN KELLER, SUZANNE PECK, CAROL KEATOR, DAVID LEBELL, RON ALEXANDER, MARTY BLUM, RICHARD SOLOMON, GAIL MARSHALL

MEMBERS ABSENT:

SUSAN ROSE, RICH APPELBAUM, DAVID LANDECKER, JANET WOLF

SANDY KIEVMAN

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Richard attended the Santa Barbara Fire Department meeting requesting input from community group regarding the service provided.

His focus was on EMT vaccination rates and hiring personnel reflective of community.

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Accepted unanimously with minor corrections.

TREASURERS REPORT:

Report submitted prior to meeting. $3,918.36 on hand. Richard’s membership is paid with in lieu fees as he has paid for Zoom and other things. In future we will pay those fees through the Treasurer.

MEMBERSHIP REPORT:

Submitted prior to meeting. Jan will submit membership information to the National Gray Panthers.

PROGRAM COMMITTEE:

Discussed Wisdom of Seniors potential participation of Vrjaprana from Vedanta, Steve Cohen, David Moore, Lois Capps, Jane Fonda, Art Cisneros. Rich will send out a doodle poll for a date, in person event at DRI. We will try to have a Zoom available also. This will be a conversation not a power point. Perhaps an intro that includes what Direct Relief does. Could this be a series? Rich will facilitate discussion.

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Program cont’d:

Briefly discussed Janet’s program idean re the workings of DRI. No decision made.

Dropped the idea of repeating senior scam program.

REPORT ON LAGUNA COTTAGES/Hotel Project

Ron submitted comprehensive report to board prior to meeting. Copies should go to SB City Council Members, media. Ron meeting with City head of planning to discuss lack of opportunities for community to give input to this project – what avenues are available for comment at this point and what the City can do to make this process community friendly in future.

ORGANIZATIONAL ISSUES:

Need a system and a volunteer for sending out email alerts/blasts to our list. Jan is out of town a lot and needs someone to take up the slack that has some tech knowledge. How will rsvp system work for in person forums? Checking with SB Fund for ideas on interns. Jo will approach the Fund about our needs.

Need system that takes Jan’s name off GP emails. Ron will work with Jan on this.

Business cards: Jan has mock up and Carol will assist.

LIAISON REPORTS:

Jo attended LEON meeting and their presentation on the Eastside Library programs – Jeanne West presented about Advance Directives Workshops. Discussed having a presence at next senior expo.

We will need a banner (Richard)/ brochure. Ron will see if National has anything.

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Endorsement report given by Jo. Sub committee interviewed Gregg Hart and Bruce Wallach (no response from Stoker) by Zoom. The sub committee recommendation was to endorse Gregg Hart based on knowledge of senior issues and preparation for the interview. Bruce Wallach was reported to be a “nice guy” but lacking in knowledge and

preparation. Committee made motion to endorse/ Carol seconded. Ron and Suzanne abstained. 80% of members present voted to endorse. GPSBN will not purchase endorsement ad for primary race but will consider for General Election. Follow up discussion spoke to the need to keep in touch with our electeds (Hart) not just every 4 years.

Jan will send out email blast to our mailing list.

Candidate viability discussed – no action taken.

Board encouraged to email Carol with input as to our procedures for endorsement having used them. Does anything need changing?

Second interview team did not convene.

WEBSITE:

Updates in progress. Carol and Jan looking at photos for home page.

Board asked to look at the website and make comments.

NEW BUSINESS:

GPSBN participating in a process – through libraries – to train immigrant population for the naturalization process.

NEXT MEETING:

Last Friday of the Month – May 27, 2022, 11AM Place TBD

Richard will poll the Board about a possible time change.