

MVAC GENERAL MEETING MINUTES

February 10, 2015

WELCOME: The meeting was called to order at 7:30 PM by President Pam Smith.

Members and guests were welcomed. There were two new guestsacknowledged. Approximately 45 members were present.

OLD BUSINESS:

- New MVAC telephone rosters are available. If members wish to have a copy please see Leslee Holt after the meeting.
- Each member is responsible for reporting their own volunteer hours. Parks and Recreation Dept also requests these figures at the end of the year. Clarification: if it is an MVAC sponsored event, hours are given.
- Cathy Allen thanked the volunteers for serving at the Community Center's Annual Senior Appreciation Luncheon. The Center was very grateful for the help and very impressed by the professionalism of the MVAC volunteers.
- Norma Watson reminded members that the committee will be clipping coupons for the military serving overseas. Norma and her committee will meet next Tuesday, February 17th at 7:30 PM in the Oso Lounge of the Community Center.

NEW BUSINESS:

- **Special Olympics 2015:** Adi Mitchell gave an overview of the upcoming Special Olympics, July 25 to August 2, 2015. Mission Viejo is a host city for two countries; 172 athletes are expected. MVAC will be the Welcoming and Farewell delegation. There will be activities during the days that we may wish to participate in. Youth / New Members will make banners to welcome the athletes. Planning is in the early stages, more discussion to follow. MVAC will be selling snacks and candy to fund the costs of this project.
- **Event Chairs:** There are still several events that do not have chair people:
 - Orangewood Childrens Home: Ronnie Hicks / Jessica Jimenez
 - Arts Live: -
 - Relay For Life: Judy Berman volunteered to be captain. Anna Boyce proposed the Commissioners team and MVAC join to form a team since both are struggling.
 - Symphony in the Park: -
 - Four Corners: Robin Levy / - Vrael (Stephanie's husband)
 - Santa's Arrival: Stephanie Vrael
 - Elves / Costume Characters at Workshop: KazKisimoto& Lillian Aranda

- **July 4th Street Faire and Fireworks:** Christi Valley and Grant Voss are co-chairing this event. There will not be a merchandise booth this year; candy and snack sales instead to finance the Special Olympic project. There are still co-chair openings:
 - Wine Booth: Judy Berman
 - Soda Booth: Lillian Aranda and Renee Valley
 - Fun Zone: -- --
 - Beer: Pam & Randy Smith
 - Decorations: Adi Mitchell
 - Truck (pick-up and delivery): ---
- **Up In The Air:** Lillian Aranda gave a brief description of the event and passed around sign-up sheets to enlist volunteers for set-up, security, trash, photographers, raffle, greeters, & volunteer check-in. Shifts are 10:45 to 1:30 and 1:30 to 4:15.
- **Scholarship Committee:** The Committee is currently reviewing and judging the applications. Seventeen applications were received, two were disqualified because they were out of the residential requirement and three were disqualified because they did not complete the application correctly, leaving twelve applicants. The Committee will give a follow-up report next month.
- **Youth/New Member:** Jennifer Bulluckussaid that the Youth Group is going to do Vendor Check-In and "Take down" for Up In The Air. Jeanne Campbell invited new members to stay after the meeting so she could speak to them. Jennifer handed out name badges to the new members.
- **Member Appreciation Dinner, March 22:** Nancy Schekel, Barbara Breazeale, and Pam Smith are planning the annual Member Appreciation dinner to be held at the Murray Community Center. This event is by invitation only to members in good standing and each member may bring one guest (if they do not have a spouse involved in MVAC).
- **Bear Project:** Lillian Aranda recognized MVAC members who worked on the Bear Project. The bears are done and will be touring South Orange County for the next 6 to 12 months before being permanently displayed here in Mission Viejo.
- **Foreign Student Exchange Program:** Stephanie Vrabel spoke about the International Student Exchange Program; 20 German students will be arriving in July for 30 days for study and sightseeing. The students need families to stay with during that time and Stephanie passed out flyers seeking interested households.
- **Relay for Life / Skyler Kinomoto:** Skyler would like members to save their plastic drink bottles for her Relay For Life project; she will then cash in the plastic to get funds for the American Cancer Society.
- **Birthdays:** February birthdays were recognized and the group sang Happy Birthday.
- **Thank you:** Special thanks to Helen Workun who graciously provided snacks for the meeting.

- **Door Prizes:** Anna Boyce distributed door prizes.

The meeting is adjourned at 8:45 PM. The next General Meeting will be March 10, 2015.

Leslee Holt

Secretary