Thursday, April 9, 2015 – 5:45pm
Governing Board Meeting Minutes - FINAL

1. Call to Order / Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag. 552 pm

2. Roll Call: present __12__ absent __2__ Quorum __yes__
Olivia Vasquez, Rosa Martin, Jane Tokubo, Diane Schweitzer, Benita Dixon, Louise Merrell, Debra Nelson, Katy Carlson, David Jones, Araceli Hernandez (arrived at 6:04 p.m.), Peter Perez arrived at 6:06 p.m.), Paola Yates (arrived at 6:09 p.m.)
Absent: Erik Beermann, Anthony Medina
Guests: Mike Herrera, Daisy Ybarra, Juan Torres, Victor Medina, Eileen Nitsche, John Stinson

3. Approval of Agenda: Katy Carlson made a motion to approve the agenda. Motion seconded by Louise Merrell and passed unanimously.

4. Approval of Minutes: Louise Merrell made a motion to approve the minutes of the March meeting with corrections. There was a change in time and title of the document. Motion seconded by Katy Carlson and passed unanimously.

5. Officers’ Reports
   a. President: Olivia announced that Councilman Buscaino will visit at our May meeting. For outreach, special fliers will be made for personal distribution by each board member.
   b. Vice President – no report
   c. Treasurer – Diane presented the Monthly Expenditure Report. Monies spent were on storage, penny saver, outreach, Toberman NPG. Balance on hand $22,936.59. June 10th is the last day to use the credit card; last day to cut checks will be June 15th. Rosa Martin made a motion to approve the MERS. Motion seconded by Louise Merrill and passed. There was one abstention by board member Katy Carlson.
   d. Secretary – no report

6. Committee Report
   a. Outreach Committee: Peter Perez – no report/no meeting.

7. Old Business: (Discussion and Possible Action on the following items)
   a. Discuss the possibility of bringing back the newsletter - tabled

8. New Business: (Discussion and Possible Action on following items)
   a. Discuss and vote on expenditure of NPG for Boys and Girls Club – Mike Herrera, Executive Director from Boys and Girls Club of South Bay presented request for improvements for the site to include swings, basketball equipment, blacktop, water fountain. $2,500 to help complete the project. ShareFest will be assisting with the upgrade. Need NPG for approval at the next Special Meeting. NPG tabled
b. Discuss and vote on expenditure of NPG of $3,000 for Halldale Elementary. Last year, Halldale ordered 6 blue benches and two trees from last year’s NPG. Their PTA has also assisted with their beautification efforts. Murals have recently been added to beautify the school. Library books are needed. $3,000 is needed for families to access books and for needs in the community. New state standards require problem solving skills and reading by kindergarten. Peter Perez made a motion to approve $3,000. Motion seconded by Benita Dixon and passed unanimously.

c. Discussion and possible action of NPG for $3,250 to GAP – Jane Tokubo recused herself from the discussion and left the room. The NPG will focus on gangs and bullying. Bullying is a big topic and graffiti is also a big problem for the community. A concern was made that only 186th St. School is getting all the efforts. GAP should focus on all schools in Gateway. GAP asks that we pick the school. Diane Schweitzer made a motion to approve the NPG. Motion seconded by Katy Carlson and passed with one recusal.

d. Discussion and possible action of funding for Gardena High School. Diane Schweitzer removed herself from the meeting and recused her vote on this item. Jane Tokubo presented the NPG due to the fact that the presenter was ill. Peter Perez made a motion for $3,100 for the GHS NPG including band, JROTC and for beautification efforts. Motion seconded by David Jones and passed, with one recusal.

e. Discussion and possible action of NPG funding for San Pedro Art Program (John Stinson) Mr. Stinson discussed the student art competition for the San Pedro area that will now include Harbor City, Harbor Gateway and Wilmington. 100 pieces are selected and displayed, with cash prizes, ribbons and art supplies for student winners. A three month exhibit is held at “Crafted” in San Pedro. Their budget is $22,000 and the San Pedro Art Program is asking for $1,500. The exhibit will be from June 7 – September 6th. Motion tabled.

9. Public Comment & Discussion: Tom Soong from DONE announced that some board members have not taken the funding training and must do so ASAP.

10. Future agenda items: - Reimburse Diane for today’s sandwich expenses; Diane wanted an analysis of newsletter vs. Penny Saver; Boys and Girls Club for $2,500 (possibly $3,000) San Pedro Art Association for $1,500.

11. Adjourn: Louise Merrell made a motion to adjourn at 6:59 p.m.