



## OBSC Meeting Minutes

Sunday, November 12, 2023

**Call to order:** It's 11:05 and time to rock! (and were late) The scribe reported that he always waits until the last minute to do the minutes, as they were done this morning.

**Scribe's report:** The minutes were accepted as read, as no challenge flags were thrown. The scribe noted it was a good thing Annette wasn't armed with a challenge flag.

**Treasurer's report:** Beginning balance \$4,368.82 (US) and \$4,709.80 (MX) The report was accepted as read. The closing balance was \$ 5,315.27 (USD) and \$ 5,109.80 (MX).

**Membership:** Annette joyfully announced we had 186 members! Annette declared it was a 15 year high! Pres. Pat pointed out it was a "modern day" record, so no asterisk was necessary in the records.

**Infirmary:** Karen Caballero reported that Linda's kidney surgery went well. Before the surgery the Perrotta's went on a cruise (probably with their real friends in case this was the last hurrah). John scheduled cataract surgery the day after Linda went to the hospital. I was noted that John's decision probably wasn't popular with Linda, but she would NEVER say a word. (Laughter from the crowd broke out at this point.) Pres Pat noted that John just couldn't see going to the hospital. Sherry Blanchard reported that Betty Lopez broke her leg and had some blood clot complications. She had surgery to remove the clots, but she is improving. Melody (Pat's daughter) sprained her ankle but is doing fine. Annette asked if Linda was sent a card and scribe reported she was not a current member. It was reported that Roger's absence from today's meeting could have been caused by a hangover since he "closed the club down" last night.

**Clothes Closet:** Sue has "puffy" vests with the OBSC logo. She also has Hawaiian shirts that are being embroidered now. Sue is planning on doing a T-shirt order shortly.

**Sargent at Arms:** Steve was voluntold to be Sargent at arms. We were reminded that newbies get a pass. Newby Stephanie reported that every time she shows up at the club, she learns a new "fun fact" about the OBSC. Now she knows to wear an OBSC shirt and koozies don't count. Paulette pointed out we gave her a pass when she wore a beach bag on her head. Maybe that strategy would work for a koozie.

**Social Media:** Sue said pictures were being uploaded, but they were "in flux".

**Building Committee:** Harry said the building was in good repair, but he hasn't gotten around to the kitchen faucet replacement. Sue & Annette reported there was a roof leak in the kitchen. Sue said the leaking water was coming from the 'hood. She clarified she meant the frier hood, not the neighborHOOD. Pat reminded us this was not a new issue and that the water probably came from a sloppy water tank refill. Harry replaced one of the lady's room toilets and repaired the men's room toilet. He also fixed the floor scrubber and tried it out on the tile floor. The floor has NEVER looked better and Harry got the "clap". There was a discussion about red wine stains, but we were reminded there was no red wine at this party. The barbecues were rebuilt and are working much better. Jerry Caballero has extra Jennair parts he doesn't need and will donate to the cause. Esposa Karen reported that Jerry had given up on repairing his old barbecue and bought a new one, although it's still in the box after a year and a half. He will have to wash the bus skids marks off his shirt after the meeting.

**Old Business:** Rich & Stephanie V were thanked for his help at the barbecue at the Veteran's Day party. Pat reported they may have been sucked into the circle of "usual suspects". We had one new member last night. The new member was a friend of Craig & Linda. Pat said that was impossible because they had no friends! At one of the last meetings, Paulette reported she had the same problem. The advice she received was "go to JJ's". There was \$450 taken in at the door. 37 people attended the party. The 50/50 raffle netted \$105 for the club, and we got one of the raffle prizes sorta redonated to the club. That is, they took the wine out and gave the rest back. Pat reminded us that the cornhole

tournament was cancelled due to lack of participants. The OBSC sent flyers went out and John Fowler sent out flyers, too. Our problem was the time frame. None of us are willing to spend a lot of time down here in the Summer, so when we returned in October, there wasn't enough time to promote the tournament. Several suggestions were made, including a small scale, informal game at one of the parties.

**New Business:** The next party will be the Spaghetti Dinner and light parade. The date is Saturday, December 9. Pat reported that Smart & Final still had pizza sauce in No. 10 cans, but no spaghetti sauce. We will have to find another source for the No. 10 cans of spaghetti sauce. Lew and Tucson Sue will ~~smuggle~~ import the supplies. There was a discussion on which charity to give the proceeds to. The Children's Christmas party is pretty funded, so maybe we should give the money to the Cholla Charities. Since Kathy Barnard oversees both funds, we could let her decide, but we will suggest 50/50. With knowing Kathy oversees both funds, several inappropriate embezzlement jokes were made. Including she and Helen could be cell mates. By the time Kathy gets there, Helen's experience could help Kathy "learn the ropes."

Saturday, Jan 6 – we will again host the annual Police department breakfast. We need people to help that day. Last year's event was a great success. Annette reminded us that we will ask our members for donations of items to give away to the officers. We need items that they could use for their work, such as flashlights, pens, note pads, coffee cups & calculators for determining the amount of bribes. The OBSC sponsored the breakfast, but the usual suspects funded it. It really created a positive feeling towards La Cholla with the Police Department. We will be asking for \$\$ donations for the breakfast as well. Our idea man Jerry also suggested selling a sticker stating that we support the Peñasco police. A long discussion on pros/cons concluded with tabling the idea until more research is conducted. The biggest con was the optics of bribery. The biggest pro was creating a fund to help officers with personal emergencies.

Meeting adjourned at 12:03 PM

Future dates:

Winterfest: January 13

Mardi Gras: February 17

St Pat's dinner: March 16

Meeting adjourned at approximately 11:55AM.

Submitted by Lew Felton, Scribe