

GLAAM Board of Directors  
Agenda - Monthly Meeting  
August 1, 2015 -- 11:00am  
Pilgrim Towers, 440 N. Madison Av., Pasadena CA

- I. Opening
  - A. Call to Order
  - B. Approval of Agenda
  - C. Approval of Previous Minutes
  
- II. Reports
  - A. Executive Officers
  - B. Area Reports

Advance submission:

Coastal -

The Sunday Salon dinner on June 28 was at Raffaello's in San Pedro. These days you rarely get anything for nothing, but Raffaello's brought us complimentary platters of a couple of the appetizers to try before serving a delicious meal. In attendance were: Elaine Paralusz, Mary Watkins, Tom Eckel (new!), Rita Lieberman (new!), Wilbert Woo, Angie Kirk (New!), William I. Newman, Madeline Walker and our hostess, Vickey Kalambakal.

The Sunday Salon on July 26 is at the Marmalade Café in El Segundo.

- C. Members-at-Large
- D. Committees and Coordinators

Advance submissions:

Gifted Youth -

Gifted Youth Leader (GYL) Teodora Chrystie took 11 adults and 11 kids to the La Brea Tar Pits and Page Museum on July 11. After lunch on the lawn, they went on an Excavator Tour, which took them from the Fossil Lab to the newly reopened Observation Pit and Project 23. After the tour some families went to see the 3D Ice Age show, while some chose to explore the Museum more. Guests included the Borkovcova family from Prague in the Czech Republic.

GYL Derek Uskert had his first Young Bright Kids group for ages 8 and under at his house on July 26. This will be a monthly event in Santa Monica on the fourth Sunday, 10:30am-1:00pm.

GYL Amber Blanco is leading a group of 15 to the Wildlife Learning Center in Sylmar as we meet. It provides outreach and onsite education in wildlife biology. Their outreach program is the largest in Los Angeles with classes taught by friendly and enthusiastic biologists.

Gifted Youth Coordinator Madeline Walker took 13 adults and 12 children to the Medieval Times in Buena Park for the Educational Lunch on Friday, July 24. Same fun as their usual show with a little extra talk mixed in, all for a very low price.

Regional Gathering -

The hotel search committee, consisting of Craig Lancaster, Nikki Frey, Jana Bickel, Lee Stillman, and Madeline Walker looked into several hotels and narrowed it down to two to get contracts to consider – the Radisson in Chatsworth, and the Ayres at Ontario Mills. Desiree Elliott will present the contracts today. Craig Lancaster will show up at the Board Meeting to answer questions about both facilities.

Contributions to the hotel search were also offered by Andrea Nolan, Desiree and Jonathan Elliott, and Roy Ball.

Special Events -

37 people will go to the Dodger game on Saturday, August 15. Seats are on third level, looking at first base. Nice seats, good group, go Dodgers!

III. Special Orders

A. Filling of Vacant Board Positions

1. Mid-City Area Secretary
2. SFV Area Delegate

B. Approve RG Contract

IV. Unfinished Business

A. Progress on strategic goal of increasing member participation (D. Elliott)

AVC Schneider has pledged to include data on member participation in her regular reports.

Originating member D. Elliott would still like to have Board time set aside to discuss what Board members are doing to engage the membership. Recent discussion included using newer survey platforms to help guide membership activities.

V. New Business

A. Written investment policy (Finance Committee)

Terri Dicius reports that she sent the following draft policy to FinCom Chair Talkov twice before, but it was not circulated among the full Finance Committee, so now presenting it directly to the Board for consideration and adoption:

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In order to maximize safety, the policy of GLAAM is to maintain all assets in local bank accounts until such time that reserves meet or exceed one year's operating budget.

At that time, the finance committee will propose another conservative investment policy strategy for board approval, preferably with an emphasis on Certificates of Deposit with maturities of 12 months or less.

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B. 2016 AG Party Bus for GLAAM Members (D. Elliott)

2016 the AG is in our backyard! Wouldn't it be fun and encourage even greater participation while serving our members if GLAAM were to arrange for a Party Bus and possible Caravan so that we could head to San Diego early and stop off in wine country for a tour in advance? Perhaps enjoy some real time sight seeing on the way down AND keep the party going as we come home on July 4<sup>th</sup> with additional stops and enjoyment along the way. Additional information will be sought and hopefully provided at time of the BoD Meeting on August 1, 2015.

C. Community Service Project (D. Elliott)

VI. Closing

A. Good of the Order

B. Adjournment