

**PETALUMA SENIOR CENTER ADVISORY COMMITTEE  
211 NOVAK DRIVE, PETALUMA, CA  
MINUTES OF THE NOVEMBER 14, 2007 MEETING**

**Call to order:** 10:00 a.m.

**Pledge of Allegiance and Moment of Silence to honor our servicemen and women.**

**ROLL CALL:**

**PRESENT:** Lorraine McEvoy, Secretary, Rene Hughes, William B. Jones, and Pat Wapp.

**ABSENT:** Bill Greene, Chairman, and David Yearsley, Liaison for the Parks & Recreation Dept.

**STAFF PRESENT:** Don Streeper, Recreation Coordinator

**GUESTS:** Margaret Enea-Patrizi and Marcelle E. Guy

**GUESTS COMMENTS:**

>**Margaret Enea-Patrizi.** Please refer to “Unfinished Business,” Cookbook, for Margaret’s comments.

>**Marcelle E. Guy.** Marcelle appeared as a follow-up to her appearance at our October 10 meeting. As to the second lawsuit filed against the City of Petaluma by the owners of Sandalwood Estates, she has been assured that the City Attorney will fight the second lawsuit. Since our last meeting, she communicated with the owner of Cafe Bella regarding her concerns about discrimination against senior citizens and being overcharged, about \$8. Don expressed his opinion that “word of mouth is the best remedy” to solve some problems. Marcelle distributed to members a list entitled “Top 10 reasons dogs are dumped at shelters,” asking for support for better legislation for pets and owners. It is shocking that 10,000 pets are killed daily in animal shelters in the United States.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** William B. Jones’s motion to accept the October 10, 2007 minutes was seconded by Rene Hughes and unanimously approved. Minutes are placed on file.

**STAFF REPORT:**

>**Newsletter-Don:** We print 1,400 copies of the monthly newsletter. Membership is close to 700 and the remaining 700 copies are distributed to various local agencies and senior housing complexes. The deadline for putting information in the newsletter is the 10<sup>th</sup> of the preceding month.

>**Membership-Don:** Membership increased from 631 to 640 in November. Sixty (60) members of The Club have already renewed their membership for the 2008 calendar year.

Further clarification of the change in structure of the 2008 Senior Club fees will be printed in the December newsletter.

>**Planning/Travel-Don:** 2007 trips are printed in the newsletter.

Don attended the Tuesday, November 13, 2007 meeting of the South County Senior Forum, which was held at the Petaluma Senior Center. The Vial of Life project was discussed and taken one step further. They hope to issue disks for the information sheet to be placed on the refrigerator, as well as discuss the feasibility of decals for apartment windows. Don hopes that some firemen will be at their next meeting to give them input on the placement of the decals.

Don thought a FCC presentation to explain the transition from Analog to Digital broadcasting, when Analog broadcasting ends, etc., would be a good idea. Apparently, unscrupulous vendors are selling items to senior citizens that they don't really need and education in this area is essential to the well being of our senior citizens.

### **COMMITTEE REPORT:**

#### **>October 26, 2007 Expo Report - Pat Wapp.**

Everything went well, despite the fact we had no flu shots this year.

### **UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

**>Cookbook -Margaret:** Prior to publication, we will have to approve the cookbook cover and make corrections, if needed. The cookbook won't be published until around January 17, 2008.

To earn more money for the Kitchen Fund, I am selling raffle tickets. Hoping to make baskets for sale, with things that people can use. I have earned \$178 to date. The drawing will take place at the December 7 potluck lunch. Pat Wapp suggested coming in with raffle items to make ticket sales easier. People want to see what they are paying for.

**>Applicants needed for the SAC.** Two more members are needed for the Senior Advisory Committee. Additionally, the decision was to table the appointment of a Vice-Chairman until we have a full board.

**>Goals as Committee Members:** Please have your talking points ready for the December 12 meeting.

### **NEW BUSINESS:**

**>The Ralph M. Brown Act:** Please review the 28-page document of rules and regulations. Be sure to bring the document itself, for reference, to our December 12 meeting along with any questions or comments you may have. A summary of the document can be obtained online at <http://ag.ca.gov/publication 2003>, or Google "The Brown Act."

**>Add topics from Committee members to discuss at December 12 meeting.**

**>Meeting adjourned:** at 10:55 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Lorraine McEvoy, Secretary, on November 30, 2007

**NEXT MEETING IS WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 12, 2007 AT 10:00 A.M.**