

Southwestern General Meeting Minutes

January 16, 2025

The meeting was called to order at 1842 hours.

Present: Roger #98, John #42, Mike #92, Per #53, Carl #67, Marilyn #68, June #54, and George #81.

1. Quorum present.
2. No visitors.

Correspondence: See back of Agenda.

1. No postal mail was received or sent.
2. Emails received included requests for event support from Koz Events and the Lakeside Chamber of Commerce.

Treasurer's Report: (June #54)

1. After payments and deposits, the ending balance is \$ 3705.76.

Secretary's Report: None.

REACTer Editor: (John #42) Emailed January 1st.

Webmaster: (Per #53) Nothing to report.

Unfinished Business:

1. North Park Toyland Parade: Initial organizational meeting was attended by Wayne Oliver, #142 in early January. The parade will be renamed, "Toyland Parade", dropping the 'North Park' designation. It will have a new route as original route has had traffic circles installed that will prevent some parade entries from navigating through. The event date and time will be December 6, 2025 at 1100 hrs. Wayne will update the team as planning continues.
2. Membership Renewal Update—100% renewal rate. There are 21 active members.
3. Election Update—procedures established. No new updates.
4. Go Kit Update— John finished the battery box and radio box, displayed on Zoom. He discussed features, answered questions, and summarized detailed expenses. He anticipates coming in under budget.

New Business:

1. John Capodonna, REACT International President, reports that several REACT members have lost their homes in the LA Region Fires. His home was not involved but was threatened. He did lose a shed to the fire, however. He had a generator to provide electricity as electricity went out. This sparked a discussion on how best to support victims of the fires.
2. Tracking Method: Roger is continuing to investigate but given John Capodonna's situation, he has not pursued further inquiry.

3. Requests for Services
 - a. Lakeside and KOZ have submitted their requests. The only pending submission is the Toyland parade. All submitted requests were approved unanimously to support. It was observed that FITT and the Silver Strand event in November were identified as they are both on the same day but it was felt that both events could be supported simultaneously.
 - b. Coordinators:
 - i. George has agreed to take on Touch-a-Truck and tentatively, one of the Koz Events.
4. Yuma Hamfest will be Feb 14th and February 15th. Several team members will attend.
5. Training Moment for March General Meeting — topic needed. Potential topics offered.
 - a. Roger asked Mike to consider an article on psychological reactions to disaster and potential interventions to help educate the team. Mike noted having some presentations on the subject that could be used to educate the team as a training moment and could be summarized into an article for the REACTer.

Carl, the Team Chaplain, closed the meeting with a prayer in support of all those impacted by the LA County fires.

Meeting was adjourned at 1955 hrs.