

**Santiago Women's Club
Board of Directors Meeting
April 8, 2024**

Attendance:

Sarah Britton, Jennise Caleo, Ro Farinella, Alice Fecher, Kathy Freeman Herter, Sharon Grant, Sharon Grodzicki, Martha Jones, Liz Liard, Marty Machamer, Marilyn Peery, Jan Smith, Bert Sauls, Debbie Wycoff.

The next Board meeting is planned for May 13, 2024 at 1:00 pm at the Savannah Center in the Ashley Wilkes Room.

Golf: **Green** tees will play on April 20th
Gold tees will play on April 27th
Green tees will play on May 18th
Gold tees will play on May 25th

Treasurer's Report/Financial Issues - There is a current balance of \$12,155.52, receipts totaled \$1,452.00, expenses charged totaled \$1,216.97. Please refer to the Treasurer's Report for additional details.

There was a vote taken and approved to increase the amount of prize money paid from the 50/50 by reducing the number of prizes paid. Another vote was taken and approved to change the source of the ice cream social funding to be taken from funds derived from the book fair instead of using funds designated for operating expenses as this function is charitable in nature and not an operating expense.

Membership Dues - What would be the number of times a guest could attend a luncheon before the guest is required to pay membership dues. At this time the club found we have 53 total paid members for 2024 and 6 paid members for 2025. Details of membership in the newsletter need to be clarified showing that on September 1, 2024, the \$5.00 membership fee is due; on January 1, 2025 the \$10.00 membership fee is due. Golf players are members of the Santiago Club but breakoff-date is Sept 1st if they do participate with membership dues. A list is required for book and golf clubs to determine club membership.

Ro discussed details of her meeting with Debbie Huntley regarding the book club. Debbie feels she and book club members, which uses the name Ladies Book Club, are a separate entity from the Santiago Women's Club, are not subject to Santiago Women's Club membership dues. However, Debbie is on the permit where she signs for the Santiago Book Club in the rec center, which contract is under the club's name, and is the book club committee chair for the Santiago Women's Club. Ro intends to prepare a letter to propose a resolution to this conflict.

June's Luncheon - June's luncheon is usually at Arnold Palmer Country Club as they usually have space for our luncheon outside on their patio and have easily managed our group in the past. Marylyn Perry will make reservations for us at a restaurant for our June luncheon or make arrangements with Arnold Palmer Country Club. June's luncheon will not be a business meeting – it will be strictly social.

Updates - Policy, procedures and bylaws need to be reviewed and updated, i.e., box top and Sozo programs that are no longer active should be deleted, we do not have a person to fill the board elections position which should be under the nominating committee; individual positions and their responsibilities should be brought up to date, etc.

Gate Flags - Jennise Caleo has assumed the task of placing our flags at the gate. She will need to sign a waiver before she can organize having the flags installed as well as determining protocols and VCCD

regulations. Currently, expense for the flags is not in the budget, however, they are now very inexpensive.

Charitable Activities – We want to invite people from organizations to whom we have made donations to speak at our luncheon. The charitable committee is to review organizations looking to receive contributions or attending the club's luncheon. The club wants to avoid making contributions to organizations that already have significant support from other groups.

Misc. - Content of the newsletter was discussed with regard to its length, having it reviewed by Ro or board members and approved for distribution.

Marketing person is needed for the book fair, charitable contributions or the book club. Newspaper only writes articles about our contributions to charities.

Discussed various entertainment venues for the luncheons i.e. horse racing, bingo, etc. and are looking for feedback from members.