

ACBL Unit 559
Board Meeting Minutes
1/6/2025

The Zoom meeting was called to order by President Lisa Walker at 7pm on 1/6/2025. Present were Morris Jones, Miriam Harrington, Angela Peters, Kathy Cresto, Pat Luehrs, Gloria Rommel, Sherry Hansen, Michael Rodriguez. Roy Wilson the Unit 559 webmaster was also present.

Minutes from the previous month's meeting were reviewed and approved unanimously.

The financial report was presented by Miriam. We lost \$770 on the holiday party. We are making money on the unit games. Discussion about raising the fee from \$10 ensued. Advantages and disadvantages were discussed. Agreement to keep the fee the same, and the next board can consider alternatives.

Holiday party was discussed. Angela requested ok to buy 3 more centerpieces as there were not enough this year—approved. Mojo reports he can't use leftover drinks, utensils etc as he has little storage space. Pat reported a positive response to food from Stonefire Grill. Lisa reports that we had a great deal leftover, so we will purchase less next time.

Lisa reported that the contract for next year's use of the Arcadia Community Center may cost an additional \$800! She is in discussion with the Center to try to get some accommodation. However, we have reserved the same space for next year's holiday party and have limited choices for 2025. Angela will contact the San Marino Women's Club to see if they have an opening for December, and what the cost will be. This should be settled quickly as finding a space is difficult. Lisa and Jan looked at locations 3 years ago and did not find a better place for the annual holiday party. Discussed ways to cut costs including spending less on food. Discussion ensued. At \$20/person this year, will be hard to match or reduce costs and maintain a festive event.

The Sectional has increasing costs. There is not enough room at the Pasadena Bridge Club to maintain 100-120 attendees. Profit last year was \$2000. Morris will f/u with ACBL to ensure the listing on their calendar now.

Lisa wrote a letter to members asking for volunteers to join the Board, and giving an update on Unit news. All agreed letter sounded good. Pat will send out via PIANOLA.

Kathy asked about having someone trained in CPR for help as needed at Unit Games. Discussion ensued with consensus to use **911 Emergency** for any health crises at the Unit Games. Fire department is 3 minutes away.

Meeting adjourned at 7:45pm. **Next meeting 2/10/2025 at 7PM.**
Minutes by Pat Luehrs

