

April 28, 2025 Member Meeting Minutes
93 attendees

A. **6:10 pm President Sofia Castille** welcomed all and began the member meeting. She also shared the meeting theme of pre-celebration of Cinco de Mayo or Mexico's Independence Day. Tables were decorated with floral centerpieces made of paper tissue donated by member Sandra Gray, and created by Board and other members.

1. President Sofia Castille

- a. Treasurer's Report was unavailable as our Treasurer is on vacation, but Sofia reported that the Club has a healthy bank balance.

2. 2nd VP Membership Dee O'Dowd

- a. Dee did not have the latest Club's total membership, but shared that there were 14 new members, 11 resident visitors, and 2 resident guests attending tonight. Their name tags have a heart sticker on them.
- b. She asked all to make others at their table feel at home.

3. Director of Group Activities Tammy Vaaler

- a. Tammy provided updates on an upcoming merchandise fundraiser which must be approved by the Association. We plan to offer embroidered t-shirts, hats, totes and visors beginning in June.
- b. She announced that an Aviators Game outing is set for the May 14th and we have plenty of tickets available. The charge of \$50 includes entrance to the baseball game and a burger, hotdog, sides, and soft drinks buffet.

4. Director of Special Operations Denise Fahey and 2nd VP Membership Dee O'Dowd provided meeting details:

- a. Four games were offered:
 - i. One Spanish Pictionary headed by Sofia Castille,
 - ii. Three tables of Loteria, which is Mexican bingo, led by Denise Fahey, Debbie Valdez, and Theresa Tantillo,
 - iii. Two tables of Toma Todo, similar to Left Right Center dice, managed by Denise Fahey, Debbie Valdez, and Theresa Tantillo, and
 - iv. Six tables of Mexican Train; one training table headed by Kathy and Dave Tooredman.
- b. They announced that snacks of chips, salsa, and cookies will be available along with water, cups and ice.

5. 1st VP & Senior Director of Events & Activities Deb Madriaga

- a. Deb encouraged attendees to play the four games, which were prelabeled and located throughout the ballroom.
- b. She announced three extra tables were setup for “open play.”
- c. She introduced Director of Entertainment Carl Madriaga, who played a medley of Mexican and other popular Latino tunes on his music system for listening and dancing.

6. Secretary Kathy Tooredman

- a. Kathy conveyed that we don’t have a member meeting planned for May.
- b. She reminded all to RSVP for the many group events and activities during May.
- c. The next upcoming member meeting is a June 30 Trivia Game.
- d. She informed attendees that we are working on updating two Operating Procedures that need clarification and adding one more. They are currently being reviewed by SCSCAI, and we expect to have a member vote most likely in July that will be announced in the LINK.

6. . 1st VP & Senior Director of Events and Activities Deb Madriaga

- a. Deb announced our Club’s continuing 50/50 fundraiser for the Holiday Gala.
- b. She encouraged dancing to music and started the games.

B. 6:15 pm Members played games, bought 50/50 tickets, and enjoyed snacks.

C. 7:15 pm 1st VP & Senior Director of Events and Activities Deb Madriaga

- a. Deb announced final call for the 50/50.
- b. She presented certificates to three Loteria winners, each entitling them to a complimentary meal at a future Club event excluding the Holiday Gala. Winners were Shirley Laster, Alison Chen, and Edwin Chipman. Also, Pictionary winner Pat Rogers received the same certificate.

D. 7:45 pm Fundraiser Leader Teresa Tantillo and 2nd VP Membership Dee O’Dowd

- a. They counted the 50/50 proceeds, which totaled \$218.
- b. This amount was divided in half (\$109 toward Holiday Gala, and \$27 each to four winners Kathy Hartwig, Jo Morykwas, Teri Helmer-Arias, and Luise Brown). The remainder of \$1.00 went back to the Club.

E. 8:15 pm 1st VP & Senior Director of Events and Activities Deb Madriaga
ended meeting with thanks and acknowledgments.

Respectfully submitted,
Kathy Tooredman, Secretary