GRAY PANTHERS SANTA BARBARA NETWORK MINUTES DECEMBER 15, 2023 – 11AM BY ZOOM

MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE:

Rich Appelbaum, Marty Blum, Carol Keator, Jan Keller, David Landecker, David Lebell, Gail Marshall, Suzanne Peck, Janet Wolf

MEMBERS ABSENT:

Jo Black, Richard Solomon, Susan Rose

#1 – No Additions/Changes to Agenda

#2 - MINUTES OF THE NOVEMBER MEETING:

Unanimously approved Peck/Wolf

#3 - TREASURER'S REPORT:

Accepted - \$4,938.15

#4 - MEMBERSHIP:

Accepted – 426 on contact list up from 410 in November; 35 paid members.

Renewal requests have been sent and will be sent again in January.

#5 - FORUM FOR FEBRUARY 2023:

"Talking to Your Doctor" – or "Navigating the Healthcare System" – 3 or 4 speakers to address "talking to your doctor",

long term care plans" and the "importance of advocacy building" along with Q & A – this will be a Zoom forum – Nancy Avoce will host this and future forums for consistency. This will not be a single payer forum.

The Chair attached a list of potential forums for future discussion:

Disaster Preparedness (Lebell)
Palliative Care (Lebell)
Wisdom of Elders Part II (Peck)
Ketamine Assisted Therapy – Dr Elizabeth Wolfson
Presentation of various aspects of health care/insurance progra

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#6 – ANNUAL MEETING JANUARY 25, 2024:

Carol will draft the board election ballots, voting open to members only. Discussion about potential speaker – or not. Some suggestions were: Margaret Weiss on Master Plan on Aging, Linda Honikman on housing or someone on the inspirational side – a work in progress. The meeting will also focus on our accomplishments in 2023 as well as a look forward to 2024.

#7 - PRIMARY FLECTION ENDORSEMENTS:

David JD chairing committee to endorse in the Third District Supervisor's race.

#8 - BOARD OF DIRECTORS LIST:

Chair attached a list of "honorifics" to board members names to be used only if a situation or specific letter warrants the use of them.

#9 - REPORTS:

Jo Black submitted a report on LEON
Gail Marshall submitted a report on the Area Agency on Aging
Advisory
Committee meeting.

#10 - ANNOUNCEMENTS:

None

#11 - NEXT MEETINGS:

January 25, 2024, 5PM Annual Meeting January 26, 2024, regular board meeting 11AM

Respectfully submitted, Gail Marshall