

**GRAY PANTHERS SANTA BARBARA NETWORK**  
**Agenda for Annual Membership Meeting**  
**January 25, 2024 --- 5:00pm – 6:30pm**

1. Meeting called to order at 5:10 by Chair Keator.
2. Welcome and opening remarks by Chair Keator.
3. Treasurer's Report from David Landecker which was sent to the members prior to the meeting. Chair Keator reviewed the report. Specific attention was paid to the expenses which are rather minimal and basic. No questions.
4. Membership Report from Jan Keller which was sent to the members prior to the meeting. Suzanne Peck reviewed the report and pointed out that the number of people on our mailing list is 426 and only 52 are paying members. Suzanne stressed the importance of becoming a member and the value of supporting our forums, advocacy, etc. Questions from the floor revolved around the timing of membership payment; specifically if

payment was made in December, will it cover membership for the following year? Chair Keator provided answers as appropriate.

5. Overview of activities/forums in 2023 presented by David Lebell.

Caregivers, visit to EDC, longevity health and dementia, partnered with others on extreme heat, MediCare, overdiagnosis in medicine. All forums are available on the GP website. Requests that members contact the Board with other suggestions.

6. Anticipated activities for 2024 presented by Chair Keator. Looking at the continuation of forums dealing with education for our members and interested parties. Additional areas of interest could include a closer look at SB County Master Plan for Aging, disaster preparedness for older adults, changes in local transportation (busses, traffic, Uber, etc.) and its impact on older adults, and the continued exploration of current and pending issues related to MediCare and single payer options.

Next forum will include a panel discussion about how to enhance communication with your medical provider.

GP will continue to track pending legislation in local, State and National arenas.

Questions/suggestions from the floor include on line/telephone scams and single payer opportunities.

#### 7. Election of Board of Directors for 2-year terms

Josephine Black

Carol Keator

Jan Keller

Sandy Kievman

David Lebell

Janet Wolf

No discussion

Motion to approve the slate by George Eskin

Second by Suzanne Peck

Passed unanimously

#### 8. Election of Board Officers for 1-year terms:

Chair – Carol Keator

Recording Secretary – Janet Wolf

Membership Secretary – Jan Keller

Treasurer – David Landecker

No discussion

Motion to approve by George Eskin

Second by Marian Shapiro

Passed unanimously

**9. Introduction of Tania Israel by Chair Keator.**

Tania Israel taped presentation on **Optimism for 2024.**

Chair Keator welcomed comments from the floor.

**10. Closing Remarks by Chair Keator.** Thank you for coming and for continued support by our members. Reminder: SBCAN event tomorrow at noon regarding single payer.

**11. Meeting adjourned at 6:00pm by Chair Keator.**