

SOUTH BAY COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION
ACTIVITIES & AMENITIES COMMITTEE MEETING
September 8, 2025 (Monday) 1:00pm

Minutes - Approved

Committee Members present: Faye Beuby, Kare Sargent, Katie Schwendener, Mark Schwendener, Gil Skinner, Michael Stuber, Laureen Wagoner

Committee Members not Present: Geoff Lang

General Manager Mark Torres

Quorum Established: 7/8

Guests: Christine Spagle

Approval of Meeting Minutes of August 11, 2025

Old Business:

Recap September 5 Pancake Breakfast

- 65 attendees
- \$1,285 direct contribution/donations
- expected benefit to Backpacks for Kids approx. \$1,700

- Upcoming October 3 Pancake Breakfast
 - beneficiary: Dove House

- Plans for upcoming September 8 - Member Social
 - Champion/Chair: Kare Sargent
 - Band: Still Got It Band - confirmed
 - Volunteers -
 - 95% complete
 - Gil Skinner will Emcee
 - Food
 - Entirely pot luck
 - Reservations as of 09/08/2025: 50

- Pre-Planning for October 10 October Fest
 - Champion/Chair: michael Stuber
 - Decorations
 - Decorations sub-group to review tomorrow (09/09/2025)
 - Food
 - Mark will organize beer (keg plus bottles)
 - Menu: Brats, Baked Beans, Cold Corn Salad, Potato Salad
 - Mark will prepare shopping list
 - Michael to shop

- Volunteers
 - Kare organizing
 - Michael to Emcee

- Discuss the 1/3 page card
 - Kare prepared the first one
 - will send format to Michel for next content

- Progress on decorations inventory?
 - Sub group will review shed on 09/09/2025

- Progress on “Speakers Bureau?”
 - Gil, Kare, and Laureen met on 08/26/2025
 - see following report — — >

- Early Planning for November 14 Salmon Feed
 - Champion/Chair: mark Schwendener
 - Food
 - Mark will purchase 25 lbs salmon
 - the rest TBD
 - Volunteers
 - TBD

New Business (upcoming):

- Committee member Resignations:
 - Adina Rivers - resigned effective 08/29/2025
 - Katie Schwendener - resigning effective Sept 30
 - Laureen will collect Thank you cards

- Look at January and February events calendar
 - Tentative scheduling of David Brownell
 - Second Friday food events for Jan - Mar
 - January 9, 2025 - Potluck with trivia and possibly other games
 - February 13, 2026 - Chocolate and Wine
 - March 13, 2026 - Potluck with Irish Theme Trivia

- Faye Suggested
 - Foreign Policy Association / Great Decisions discussion Forum
 - Faye Will work further on this
 - Orientation get together to let members know what is available
 - This might already be covered by PLVC
 - Faye will work further on this

Review Submitted Proposal Forms:

- none

Other Business:

- none

Meeting Adjournment 2:45 pm

Next Meeting: October 6, 2025 (Monday) 1:00pm

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Guest Speakers sub-group / special report:

From Gil Skinner, Kare Sargent, and Lauren Wagoner

A. Potential Speaker Topics:

I. Health & Fitness

- Jefferson Healthcare
 - e.g. recent hospital renovation, Alzheimers' disease/dementia care
 - Lauren will contact Tina Herschelman regarding the 2026 Jefferson Healthcare speaking topics and potential dates
(ph. 360-385-2200, ext. 2005; <therschelman@jeffersonhealthcare.org>)

II. Home Safety

- How to use a fire extinguisher properly
- Police- residential crime prevention, personal safety
- History of the CIA
- FBI- phone scams, fraud, phishing, mail fraud, computer security

III. Outdoors & Nature

- Port Ludlow trails (Larry Scott)
- Jefferson Land Trust
- North Olympic Salmon Coalition
- Marine Science Center, Port Townsend (Gail Wellinstein)
- Geology of the High Cascades, Oregon (Rick Conrey)
- WSU Extension/Master Gardeners
- Beach Naturalist (Bobbee Davidson)
- History of Protection Island
- Elwa River dam removal
- Heronswood or Bloedel gardens
- Olympic National Park
- Olympic Peninsula Audubon Society-puffins, auklets & other local birds of note

IV. Regional history, First Nations

- Port Gamble General Store Museum
- North Olympic History Center
- Jefferson County Genealogical Society
- History of Tatoosh Island

- First Nations with David Brownell
 - Gil has contacted Mr. Brownell re. a topic for Tues, Sept. 30 at 1:00 pm, also Oct. 30, and potentially Tues. Nov. 18 or 25 to kick off our speaker series.
- Chetzemoka Trail (Celeste Dybeck, 360-280-4675)
- Port Townsend Aero Museum
 - May be a good place for a future field trip and dinner
- Port Ludlow cemetery (John and Sally Nurenborg)

V. Art, Literature, Music

- Locally themed mysteries (writer Kristin Hannah)
- Check the Jefferson County library current events schedule

A. Pancake Breakfasts

I. The Bay Clubs' Activities and Amenities Committee will consider the request of any non-profit (501 (c) 3) organization as a potential recipient of the monthly Pancake Breakfast donation proceeds provided that:

- They are a local (within state) entity.
- Their mission aligns with the overarching values of the Bay Clubs' membership.
- They are not affiliated with any religious organization.
- They are not affiliated with any political organization.

II. It was suggested that speakers give a presentation prior to the pancake breakfast so that the audience is already aware of their mission/purpose.

C. Education

- First aid/CPR certification
 - Would be as a sign up and pay-per-class basis, depending on interest
 - Mark Torres and Christine Spagle are looking into this as per A & A Comm. meeting Sept. 8
- The Great Courses
 - A member may be able to supply a limited number of Great Course material for classes on selected topics TBD.
- Great Decisions
 - (From the website: "*Great Decisions* is America's largest discussion program on world affairs. Participants read the *Great Decisions* Briefing Book, watch the videos and meet with members of their community to discuss the most critical global issues facing America today". Topic suggested by Faye Beuby
- Notes, recommendations, and "also discussed"
 - Potential speakers are listed in parentheses
 - The email reminder message to potential speakers will request a brief biography of the speaker for the person doing the introduction.
 - The email message to potential speakers will request promotional materials to be used in advertising for the talk.
 - The email message needs to ask what the speaker needs in terms of e.g. projector, microphone, screen, etc.
 - Advertising of presentations needs to be timely, and broad-based (e.g. LMC, PLVC, the Voice, e-blasts)
 - Honorariums: There is money (~\$1500 per annum) for speakers' expenses
 - Could this cover the cost of cookies?

- It was suggested that Pancake Breakfast speakers are invited to present prior to their breakfast so that introductions and speakers' remarks remain brief and limited at the breakfast.
- How often should we host speakers? Once per month for the Pancake Breakfast speaker and once per month on another topic?
- The Activities and Amenities Committee doesn't currently have criteria set up for vetting organizations to benefit from the Pancake Breakfasts.

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