

THE GRAND POKER CLUB  
Board Meeting  
Thursday, February 29, 2024

The meeting was called to order by President John Luher at 11:00 a.m.

Present: President John Luher, Vice President Rocky Rocanova, Secretary Haydee LaBreche, Treasurer Pat Rumsey, Members-at-Large Wayne Edsall, Ted Grove, Lane Roehl, and Dan Williams.

Guest: Jim Ault

Minutes of Last Meeting: John made a motion to wave the reading of the Minutes: seconded by Dan; Motion passed.

Treasurer's Report: Pat distributed copies of our finances. We have \$9,999.60 in our combined savings and checking accounts. Haydee made a motion to accept the report; seconded by John; Motion passed

The Grand Board of Directors: Members of our Poker Board namely, John, Rocky, Wayne and Ted have had numerous meetings with the present Board of Directors as well as with the candidates running for the Board to discuss the space allocation issue. Our club has formed a coalition with several other clubs who are at risk of losing their rooms and together we are voicing our concerns.

The Poker Board is distributing the following message to all members.

### **Potential Loss of Our Poker Room**

In April of 2023 a consultant to the Grand Board of Directors presented to our community a vision for "activity zones" that would result in the loss of our use of our Poker Room, which would be taken over by Grand Stitches in furtherance of an "Art Walk". To date, there is no definitive answer as to whether our Club would relocate to another space used only for poker, or whether we would share space.

Our Poker Board has been very actively engaging with CAM and the Grand Board of Directors to voice our objection over the potential loss of our Poker Room, and to try to ensure that if it is taken from us, we will be relocated to a suitable facility that is for our use only.

As part of our engagement, we have met with every candidate running for one of the 4 seats open on the Board of Directors (**election is March 4-13, 2024**). It is important to note that the Art Walk Project has not yet reached a final approval stage, which will likely occur during the next Board term. While it is not our role to endorse any particular candidate, for your informational purposes we are providing the results of our discussions with the candidates on the relocation issue, as follows:

Candidates:

**Thomas Gusich** – Does not support the relocation of our Poker Club, would leave as is.

**Tom Braga** - Does not support the relocation of our Poker Club, would leave as is. (\*Tom is a member of the Poker Club)

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**Ben Serns** - Does not support the relocation of our Poker Club, would leave as is.

**Gabriele Dawson** – Does not support the relocation of our Poker Club, would leave as is.

**Rebecca Kanninen** – Does not support the relocation of our Poker Club, would leave as is.

**Stephanie Sloggett-O'Dell** – Has not yet reached a decision but was made aware of the Poker Board's concerns.

**Rene' Mitchell** – Currently SCG Board President. The Poker Board has spoken to her many times, and she remains in favor of advancing the project that would lead to the relocation of our Poker Club.

**Please be sure to vote!!!!**

The meeting was adjourned at 11:45 a.m.  
Submitted by Haydee LaBreche, Secretary