



SOCIETY BOARD MEETING SAN GABRIEL VALLEY CHAPTER REPORT FOR NOVEMBER 16, 2020

1. MEETING SCHEDULE

2020 Dinner Meetings – First Thursday of each month, 5:30-8:30, resumed 9.2020.

At Marie Callender's we continued holding our meetings for October and November outside the restaurant under a canopy. It works out very well.

Unlike previous years, we will not sponsor a holiday party for the full Chapter. We will have a luncheon for Board members who are available to attend.

We intend to gather for Sunday meetings in January, February, March, but not give any credits for the meetings. The uncertainty of the political situation causes this reaction.

2. MEMBERSHIP REPORT –

Our membership has suffered without "live" program meetings. Currently we have 28 renewed members, an increase of 6 since last reporting. Due to the fear of contracting the Covid, many members are not attending the program. We are ordering Tax Book for members.

3. CHAPTER CONCERNS

The Board has expressed exasperation that a policy mandated by the State Society Board is impacting us at the local level with no input from our local Chapter. That policy is charging nonmembers \$30 more than members for a program meeting or a larger premium for virtual seminars. How can nonmembers get to know our group, hear a program if they are charged so much more? A suggestion for program meetings is to charge nonmembers a \$10-15 premium over member price for attending 2 meetings. Once a nonmember exceeds the 2 meetings and does not join or rejoin, the price increases to the \$30 spread. We think this is appropriate.

We think consideration needs to be given to lowering the high cost of on-line, virtual seminars, especially for members. After all, we are a not-for-profit organization. It feels like gauging and taking advantage of the situation.

Respectfully submitted,
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