

TCC General Membership Meeting: 2-12-09

Minutes

7:00 PM Food & Drink Served. Call to Order, Review Protocol & Agenda

Reports:

Topanga Youth Services: Karen Cooke not present

Topanga Days: Jewels Nation reported that Randall Ott and Mimi Williams are the co-coordinators. Theme: Topanga Roots and Evolution. Americana flavor, "Old Corral" scene.

New co-chair of committee necessary as Randall must step down. Clarification that one co-chair was chosen by the Board and one by the membership.

- Mark Henley nominated as co-chair. Mark said he did not want to be co-chair but would be willing to step in. Adrian expressed appreciation for his stepping up.

Mark: committee is trying to cut down budget. High costs of parade, TCC usage.

Adrian Wright spoke about parade issues: road control, sheriff costs – trying to get reduced – has been \$4,500 in past.

Parade: sponsor needed for funds. Possibilities: Chamber, Zev, charge float, Private sponsor, i.e. Monica Sheehan's contact or other business.

- Jane McAllister moves to make a recommendation to the T-days committee that 100 free admission tickets are provided for children who participate in the parade from the beginning. Seconded by Julie Levine. Passed with 6 yeas, 4 nays, 1 abstention.

Robyn Feeley submission for the T-days poster contest was displayed and appreciated.

Lisa Bialac-Jehle's notebooks from the last two T-days with booth and vendor information are missing. Lisa has said that Stephanie saw her bring the notebooks to the House, but Stephanie stated that she has not seen the notebooks at any time. All members are advised to keep an eye out for these books. The books are black three inch three ring binders with each year's t-days posters stuffed in the pocket. Lisa was paid \$2000 for the job which included provision of these books. The membership suggested the Board require Lisa to provide electronic records; Lisa has said she has purged all records.

7:40 Programs & Events : Julie Levine reported.

Easter Egg Hunt: Pastor Bob will coordinate again, to much appreciation. Discussion of Bunny suit rental costs.

Mother-Daughter Tea: Chryssa Lighthead looking for co-coordinator. Date not confirmed, scheduling problems.

V-Day – Ernesto fell out, Ken Widen stepped in to cook. TCC to provide supplies, Proceeds to TCC.

Lisa Salloux moves that for this Saturday's membership, we maintain the membership at the old rates of \$25 and \$40. Adrian notes that the bylaws committee has not yet made the recommendation to adopt the new rates, and the new bylaws have not been reviewed or approved by the membership. No motion needed.

- Jewels Nation moves that valid members be given a drink ticket with admission to the event. Seconded by Jaime. 8 yeas, 0 nays, 2 abstentions.

V-days needs: tap for beer keg: in kitchen from Club 455. Jewels to call Monica to be sure it will be there Saturday. Tub for keg: upstairs, Andrea. Arts and crafts supplies, cardboard: bring on Saturday. Ice: Mark to ask at general store (and put bucket outside each night to freeze up!) Jaime Scher: 2 microphone stands. Julie: Cushy furnishings, portable lamps. Pillows upstairs. Hand stamp – check upstairs or call Jaime.

Thanks to Jewels for her energy and determination.

7:50 Finance & Fundraising: Mark talked to Eric Nelson (realtor) about Ivy Mumby estate sale. House is in escrow, once costs and fees, sold for \$550,000. Mark discussed status of memorial to be established for Ivy, suggests tie-in with senior dinner, for those who may have known her or be similarly inclined. Mark to prepare proposal for estate with site and other information.

Concerns were expressed about admission cost of T-days: many feel that better prices will bring more attendance. Perhaps \$40 for three day pass.

Reminder of Bill Buerge's buy-a-brick program, suggests similar program for concrete steps through to playground and to the left. Could be done at T-days or earth Day so people could see progress. People could sponsor a step for \$100 or something.

Peace Pole that was donated by TPA in honor of David Chung: his family has asked if a plaque with his name could be installed.

- Adrian moves that a plaque be installed in front of the Peace Pole in honor of David Chung. Second by Stephanie Lallouz. Unanimous.

Andrea Makshanoff suggests we get pictures of Ivy, some details about her life, maybe make a presentation for the historical society.

Treasury: Andrea. \$15, 853.11 in main checking account with 9 uncleared checks. Now we have three accounts, saving, checking, and CHIC. The ballfield account will soon be closed out. Savings has slightly over \$30,000. CHIC account funds are earmarked: senior center, County grant.

Andrea, Julie to reach out to American Legion members about funds pledged toward senior center.

Adrian discussed being interviewed by Michelle Johnson for the Messenger about senior dinner program, Club plans for a senior center.

Thanks to Andrea and Adrian for preparing the 1099 Tax reports for this year.

Membership (Outreach, New Memberships, etc.): Lisa plans to be a major presence at the V-Day ball.

Community House Advisory Committee: Stephanie reported as follows:

Film Festival confirmed Ag 8

Musician's picnic worked out with co-op. Co-op reports problem with fridge, the Morrisons have been notified about the matter.

Theatricum Children's Festival: Parking lot use already granted. Asked if they could use House as rain alternative. Problem that they are unable to leave before night-time paying renter at 7PM would arrive.

Well: David Troy has checked the well recently. Tank full, seems to be operational.

- Well meeting with David, Jaime, Ken Widen to be arranged.

Renters: Some community members feel entitled to use the facilities without following procedure, are upset about the fees, going to the meetings, etc. Adrian requests "Standardized" process list, Stephanie says she has it already. Can be a long line of people waiting. David suggests that some renters may not have to come to meeting, at Stephanie's discretion. Stephanie feels face to face is crucial. Mark suggests that committee could decide on case by case based on past history, personal knowledge, etc.

T-Nights. Need to decide about reseeding lawn, dates. Lawn would be closed June and July. T-nights suggesting June, July, Aug and September, but not if reseeding is going on.

Stephanie moves that the Chairs of CHIC, CHAC and the Topanga Days Committee be eligible to vote on the TCC Board as they used to before 2007. Second by Jane. Adrian believes motion is invalid as it must be presented as a bylaws change. Stephanie moves to challenge Adrian's interpretation, second by Jaime. 2 yeas, 5 nays, 2 abstentions. Decision stands.

- Julie presented a written motion to amend the bylaws to allow the CHIC, CHAC, and Topanga Days Committee chairs to be voting Board members upon election by the general membership. Second by Adrian. To be presented for discussion and vote at next General membership meeting.

Earth Day: Stephanie requests rental fee remain same this year. Mentions that 60% of proceeds go to other non-profits. To be discussed at Board meeting.

Community House Improvement Committee: Wedding Garden planners meeting in three weeks. Still need photos from past events. Big March 21 event cancelled. Stephanie to help assemble flyer from photos.

To support sports coordinator, get fence around ballfield so it doesn't get trashed.

Steps to field - probably not feasible before T-days.

Would like to arrange to clear out kitchen cupboards, move renters materials elsewhere. Joe Pileggi to approach renters.

Solar on roof.

Seek donations of shelves and organizing materials.

New Business:

Sports Programs: Mark ran into Hugo Montes, gymnastics leader at TCC, seemed interested in handling sports program. Suggests finalizing job description and putting up to bid. Mark to write job description including hours, responsibilities. Ads to be placed in Messenger, Craigslist. Julie will set up interviews with candidates.

Mark suggests same process for groundskeeper.

Marty Marsh to be asked to take care of submission to Messenger's Community Page of monthly TCC events.

Jaime read the minutes from 1-8-09. Adrian moved to accept, second by Julie. Passed 8 yeas, 2 abstentions.

Senior Dinner Hosting: Adrian or Holly Alsop to approach renter about sharing the hall with senior dinner (as historically shared), or if event should be cancelled or rescheduled.

Adrian moves that the remainder of the agenda be moved to the next meeting. Second by Andrea. Unanimous.

Meeting adjourned 10:55 PM