

Topanga Community Club Board Meeting Minutes

(7:00-9:15 PM, Thursday Feb 26, 2009)

Meeting called to order at 7:10 PM

Andrea Makshonoff gave Treasurers Report. Paid insurance for ballfield/playground. Insurance review: Marty notes we may be able to find alternative coverage that would be equally comprehensive and less expensive.

* Marty and Andrea to coordinate insurance review.

Pat Harding notes that individual events like the film festival are required to get their own event insurance.

* Costco: Lisa Villasenor to go to Costco to transfer account. May be an American Express card somehow linked to costco account. Andrea and Adrian to coordinate.

TYS: Karen Cooke. TYS will perform 3 shows the last weekend in March (Fri 27-Sun 29).

Received letter that County will supplement the Grant "cut" amounts. Has met with grant people, everything in order. Also met with lighting people about lights needed.

* Karen to meet with Randall Ott about other lighting resources.

* Karen to send promotional material and advertising to Corr. Sec'y. Marty Marsh for dissemination.

* Karen to attend T-days committee meeting re emerging artists and groove gulch.

Pat Harding and Kelly Lee volunteered to help Karen at her show event and solicit volunteers for help with T-Days. Lisa Salloux said she's available to help with membership.

T-Days: Randall has secured \$44000 worth of media sponsorship from radio station 100.3 the Sound, including PSA's, live interview on Sunday morning show, promotion at other events, ticket give-aways (five 3-day passes to be given away). We must include 100.3 on our banners, also they want first right of refusal for 2010 to work with us again.

Music: Randall has sent out list of some bands. Working on beer sponsor, as is Monica Sheehan; waiting to see what we are offered.

Mark Henley: New co-chair of T-Days committee. Eric Rasmussen not able to be present at Board meeting, so Mark is reluctantly taking co-chair responsibility.

Mark believes a decision on entry cost is crucial: better attendance from more reasonable rates.

* Flyer contest: Adrian moves to extend the poster contest deadline to March 12, the General membership meeting. Friendly amendment to move it up to March 10, 2009. Unanimous.

* Email to be sent to general membership announcing end date.

Mark spoke with Robin Feeley about parade, asked if her gallery would be coordinators. Adrian spoke with chamber, still considering it.

Mark outlined map of t-days, souvenir flyer.

Mark suggests that the prices be reduced this year to \$15 for adults, \$10 for youths under 21, \$5 for children 6-12, and free for 5 and under. Would also like to see member discount: maybe these are member prices and non-members are \$5 more. Also suggests a three-day pass at discount. Kelly suggests discount for students, rather than age-based "youth" – less likely to have underage kids try to get beer.

Bands: Jane listed bands that have been inquired into. Kelly suggested that she has contacts to other local bands. Stephanie also has suggestions.

* Adrian moves that the Board approve Jane to forward proposals to the potential headliners on her list, namely The Animals, Smithereens, Berlin, Wailers, Ozomotli, Blood Sweat and Tears, and also to Paul Simon through Stephanie and to the Meters through Randall. Second by Julie. Unanimous.

In discussion about this motion, Randall would like to add Leo, Donna, Mutator, Cubensis. Jane points out that budget may not be available once headliners are secured, if we back out it would upset the other artists. Decision made to wait until headliner is secured, evaluate budget, then pursue lower cost artists.

How many bands: 100.3 bands? Hard logistically.

Band Contest: website. Enter your band name, website.

* Mark moves that at the April general membership meeting, the tally of the members vote for their top ten favorite bands for the main stage be taken, including votes from the website. Second by Lisa. 4 for, 1 against, 2 abstentions.

Events: Julie reports that the Valentines event raised over \$2,000. S he noted appreciation to all who helped, with special thanks and acknowledgement to Jewels Nation for her hard work organizing the event.

Easter egg hunt: need plastic eggs (found in loft). Bunny suit: Expensive yearly rental – might be cheaper to make our own. Stephanie provided number of seamstress. Peter Alsop to be approached for entertainment, Andrea Walker for puppet show.

Ivy Mumby house: funds still in escrow. Original Sale price \$695,000, current escrow at \$550,000. Kelly notes that TCC was not given proper notification of Ivy's will or of probate court proceedings as required by law, and that the court has found she was not noticed properly for ending her tenancy, all of which support her feeling that the realtor may not have acted entirely in good faith as executor. Believes Community House has right to full accounting, can request the probate court examine the details of the sale, and could protest what she feels is a low sale price and request an overbid process.

Discussion: the property appears to be somewhat degenerated, possibly after Ivy's passing, with serious septic issues. Further, the real estate market is down, so the sale price may not really be

so low, and buyers are hard to find. Also, even if the price was not the highest possible, controversy over the sale might dissuade future donors or have other unknown impact – “don’t look a gift horse in the mouth”.

Kelly points out that she has no financial stake in the outcome of the sale, says her concerns are protecting Ivy’s legacy and the best interests of the Club. Adrian points out that we have received additional inquiries from other TCC members about the way the executor has handled the Mumby estate. All present generally agreed that the TCC Board is obligated to ensure that everything is being handled properly.

* Adrian moves that the TCC have an attorney review the documentation and paperwork surrounding the bequest. Second by Lisa. Friendly amendment by Lisa to cap cost of review at \$500. Unanimous.

Sports coordinator: Mark reports about Y offer of \$4500 for soccer this year.

* Mark and Adrian to put together ads, contact Debra Silbar, get article into Messenger, flyers to elementary school.

Membership Report (Lisa): Made \$625 in membership at V-days ball.

ASCAP report: Lisa spoke to Ascaph representative. They are asking for \$120 per day for three days of T-days. Exemptions: no “commercial advantage”, proceeds donated to charity, nobody gets paid. Ascaph claims they are providing a service so TCC doesn’t have to clear rights for everybody who performs or whose work gets played. Board discussion that renter contracts and T-days Performer contracts already specify that performer has to obtain or grant all rights and clearances.

CHAC: Earth Day rental fee: was \$500 in 2007, went up to \$2000 last year. Stephanie outlined the various places the funds get spent, creek cleanup etc. Grounds will be improved and cleaned up as part of the Earth Day preparations and cleanup. Last year: Total profit about \$9,000 on a \$17,000 budget. Earth Day committee voted to distribute profits in this manner: \$3,000 went to seed money, \$3,000 to SEVA, last \$3,000 split between Chumash Native Plant workshops and native garden project.

* Mark moves to approve the Earth Day rental at \$2000. Second by Julie. Unanimous.

Earth Day Set-up to be Friday after pre-school, partner with Peace Alliance to set up the gallery. Clean up Sunday night everything up top. Monday: all mulching, composting and recycling so as not to interrupt club activities and co-op.

* Marty: to take over mail list. Meeting with Jaime Monday or Tuesday next week.

Bylaws: Julie notes that Lee has done a tremendous job running this committee, including marathon sessions separating the new draft into bylaws and procedures.

* Julie moves to approve the 1-22-09 board minutes, second by Marty, unanimous.

Meeting adjourned 10:55 PM.