

12-10-09 TCC General Membership Meeting

Meeting held at Rocco's Restaurant as the Community House was unavailable due to the Nutcracker rehearsals.

Reading of minutes was dispensed.

President Adrian Wright spoke on the ongoing programs and business of the club including the Ivy Mumby bequest and memorial.

Adrian followed up with the Sports program report with information from coordinator Paul Parzik: interim program schedule in place but will need adjustment.

* Soccer program to continue. Financials to be determined by Board at session following the close of the General meeting.

Adult soccer program details, pros and cons discussed.

Discussion continued about whether to gate the field to control unauthorized access.

Discussion turned to pros and cons of artificial turf. It was determined that a presentation needed to be made that gave the costs, etc. before any serious discussion could be entertained. Mark Henley asked for a straw vote to see what the general interest would be in the turf. One idea would be to get a 20 foot section laid down to see what it would be like. The straw vote showed some interest in getting more information. Another poll asked who would want to see artificial turf, and only one person voted affirmatively.

The condition of the well was discussed, and what could be done to increase production and how to maximize its use to water the field.

* Jane moved that the TCC sponsor T-ball and 5 pitch as per Paul's proposal. Second by Jaime. 8 affirmative, 0 opposed, 2 abstentions.

* David moved that the TCC accept Paul's proposal for the soccer program. Second by Adrian. Friendly amendment to be flexible on both ends as to schedule and cost, accepted. 8 for, 0 opposed, 2 abstentions.

*A final date for No-refund is required on sign-up sheet. Other corrections include updating the price of the family membership.

Treasurer report: estimated P + L from sports program distributed, with 1 hour of bookkeeping time figured in. Discussion about need to request reallocation of the CHIC funds donated by the County for feasibility studies: will require a formal letter to ask the County if we can reallocate those funds towards the CUP application.

House Manager's report: Anastasia reported on the many improvements in practical matters resulting from new rental procedures, upcoming events, new Google calendar.

CHAC: improvement dates discussed.

Programs and Events: Julie Levine thanked Jane McAllister for her help this year, and Ken Widen for taking over for next year. She appealed to Lisa Salloux to develop music program as per the NAMM grant proposal. Reminder that renters and event coordinators need to get Board approval for advertising and web sites.

Some discussion about the Musician's Picnic not meeting the conditions that were imposed in the terms of their rental, and how to deal in the future with them or similar events.

Neil reported that legal sound limits vary based on the neighboring property zoning. He gave an estimate that in our area there would be a limit of somewhere around 50-55 db during the day at the property line. The limit would be less after dark, and generally events are required to be silent after 10PM.

Membership: membership up for 2009 with over 400 members. Lisa will prepare a report for next year of member concerns that she compiled over the year. In short, she notes a need for more member benefits. Also gave credit to the Local Band Contest membership drive for increasing membership. Thanked everybody for their help.

Discussion turned to how to make the general meetings more fun and faster.

CHIC report: Jane mentioned the improvements in the sound system, enlarged stage area, ballfield improvement. Desires: floating dance floor. Wedding Garden: need for budget to get decorations, plan event to raise funds. Location may need update as storage unit and co-op details with the CUP are resolved. Benches and steps along children's play area will be part of Bricks and Mortar fundraising and improvement plan. Need a point person for the program to work with Bill Buerge. Mentioned need to coordinate a \$1000 - \$2000 asphalt patching job. Asking for help and suggestions to improve kitchen cabinets, will present to Board next year. Thanks to Dave, Tom Mitchell and Ken for their help.

Finance and Fundraising: Jaynie reported that there have been offers of higher donations if dogs would be allowed on the property. Discussion of insurance rider, dog park rules etc.

Mark Henley reviewed the year and thanked Jane McAlister for her help, particularly with Topanga Days. He mentioned that there were events that did not break even, and there should be clarification as to events that are not intended to turn a profit versus events that are fundraisers.

Mark brought up the need to seek design plans and suggestions for the Ivy Mumby memorial garden. Adrian suggested a design contest; parameters of budget and location will need to be finalized.

* Topanga Days steering committee meeting dates were discussed. T-Days Steering meeting set for Monday December 28 at 6PM in the Penny Room.

New Business: Andrea is going to create a budget for T-days based on actual current accounting and figures.

Julie discussed the tradition of honoring the outgoing Board members and thanking the incoming members. Adrian mentioned that she intended to dedicate a portion of the next meeting to this.

General Meeting adjourned, 9:50 PM.

The Board continued the meeting to discuss the costs and details of the soccer program.

* Adrian moves to increase Soccer program costs by \$10 per student. Second by Lisa, unanimous.

Paul's request for compensation discussed. Compensation figures will need to determine a threshold of profit before he is given a cut, and what his percentage will be. Program costs will need to include administrative and field maintenance costs. Andrea to coordinate analysis.

Discussion about the Earth Day rental fee and scheduling, set up day costs.

Discussion about offer of former party rental trailer that a member has informed us is being offered for sale. Trailer could be used as additional party/wedding rental space ("groom's room"), dressing room for t-days, classroom for co-op, etc.

* Andrea moved to make an offer to purchase the trailer, seconded by Lisa. (Offer amount to be withheld until after negotiation). Unanimous.

Board Meeting Adjourned, 11:00 PM