

2-11-10 TCC General Membership Meeting Minutes

President Adrian Wright announced the start of the meeting and general policies.

Recording Secretary Jaime Scher read the minutes from the 12-10-09 General Meeting. No corrections were offered. Adrian moved to approve, second by Ken Widen, approved unanimously.

Adrian discussed the upcoming Valentines Day and Oscar Night events. Discussed coming together of Topanga businesses and organizations – common event calendar. New idea: Topanga Canyon Days – come for breakfast, shopping, co-ordinated events, studio tour, etc.

TYS: Karen Cooke reported that she is rehearsing for their next show, “Clue”, which will be March 26, 27, and 28.. She is developing a drug awareness program. She cannot lead such a program, but has parental interest in running such a program. Jane McAllister suggested a local person Larry Meltzer who facilitates such groups. Julie mentioned that Kathleen Hernandez has also offered help.

Adrian mentioned using an arts program with topical improve, writing exercises, etc. Mentioned that hiring someone would be a good idea. Julie Levine noted that the program needs to be sure to avoid stigmatizing.

Andrea Makshanoff noted a change in the TYS bookkeeping practices. The TCC shall pay for one half of the time that the TYS bookkeeper spends transferring TYS data into the TCC database, and once the past is caught up, will continue to update the TCC records regularly. TYS must have an independent bookkeeper for the grant, but TCC must have the book information for taxes. The TCC treasurer used to have to do the transfer manually; now the TYS bookkeeper will be updating the TCC books as needed.

TYS Battle of the Bands rescheduled for April 9, 2010.

Sports Program: Paul Parzik not present. Andrea reported that baseball program will probably be a loss this year, cites costs like \$30 per uniform. Suggestion for summer baseball program. Concerns and ideas need to be discussed with Paul.

* Andrea moved that the club query the parents about the feasibility of reusing some or all of the uniforms. Second by Ken. Unanimous. Suggestion to ask the parents to return the uniform for recycling, perhaps give the parents a credit towards the next season.

CHAC: Lights in Penny Room, hallway, and bathroom have been fixed. New doorlocks installed, new fan light coming. Bathroom water heater repaired. Office door lock and keys discussed.

Andrea discussed painting a line on the driveway to encourage people to stay on the proper side of the drive. Mark Nygard brought up that people have been driving too fast

on the driveway and the need for speed limit signs. Joe Pileggi mentioned that he had installed signs before but they had been stolen or vandalized.

- Shawn Rhodes and Joe to coordinate installation of new signs.

Ken mentioned that two of three bids have been received to replace the kitchen water heater. Suggestions were made of plumbers who might give additional bids.

Anastasia Fite discussed, member cards, board business cards.

Joe's suggestions for the Elementary school track and field event were reviewed.

Jane and Julie expressed the need to have parents sign release of liability waivers for each child.

Treasurer Report: Andrea passed around the current balance sheet, subject to final updates.

Programs: Ken reported on the Folk Music series to be run by Marilyn Babcock.. Marilyn to provide all food + beverages (receipts to be shown to club), will advertise, cook, clean, set-up, break down. Profits split 2% Marilyn, 2% soundman, 48% TCC, 48% musicians. TCC to provide house sound system.

CUP committee: Mark Nygard reported that Alan Boivin is drawing plans, maps are getting finalized. Docs will be shown to Board for approval then will be brought to advisor Shelly Coulson for review and further recommendations. Once package is complete, Shelly would like to meet with Board and committee.

Adrian moves that the Walk-About review of the TCC grounds and ideas for future uses be conducted before the next CUP meeting. No second.

Membership: Julie will conduct membership drives Saturday at Froggie's; Sunday at V-Day event. Lynn Hague to help. Current membership list has been prepared by Murielle. Thanks to Tom Mitchell for spearheading the fundraising drive. Sunday's event will feature auctioning off dates with single past and present Board members, silent auction for other donated items.

Proposal for discounted membership rate. Arthur Nissman discussed the need to encourage more young people to join and support the club, as well as membership in general. One idea would be that people under the age of 30 would get a reduced membership rate - \$20 or \$25 for individual. Suggestion of age group of 18 – 25.

* Arthur and Andrea presented in writing a motion amending the Bylaws that a new membership category be created for young adults aged 18-25 at \$20 per calendar year. Seconded by Julie. As a bylaw change, the motion is to be publicized and voted on at the next general membership meeting.

CHIC: asphalt patching discussed. Kitchen cabinets discussed.

* Jane moved that the club install additional cabinets and outside storage. Second by Jaime. Friendly amendment by Arthur that the club obtain bids for the cabinet, sliding door and other improvements. Unanimous.

Bylaws: meeting set for later this month to get draft materials together.

General Meeting adjourned, 10:00 PM

Board Session continued.

Elementary School track and field day: suggestion to ask for T-days parking on school premises. Event takes two days. If they are using water, must be charge for utility. Pricing: \$1 per child. Liability waivers for each attendee. Need list of what they intend to do.

- Adrian moves that TEP is charged \$1 per kid based on their estimate of how many kids will show up. Second by Andrea. Shawn suggests he consult with his wife who has organized the event in the past. Motion tabled until Shawn reports back to Anastasia.
- Joe and Anastasia to represent TCC, Shawn to consult in meeting with elementary school representatives.
- First aid booth required
- Parking coordinators: three adults required to oversee parking and traffic flow.
- 1 additional porta-potty required.

Statement to members about the Susan Clark lawsuit. Consensus is that the Board has a duty to the membership to inform them that former TCC Vice President Susan Clark is suing the Community House for damages purportedly based on injuries sustained when she fell in the House kitchen at the end of Topanga Days 2009. In order to dissuade any rumours, here are the facts of the case. (bullet points).

- Jaime and Adrian to coordinate statement, let Julie run it by our attorneys.

Caretaker Canine. Joe's commitments to keep a dog reviewed: Renter's insurance covering dog with TCC named as additional insured, fenced dog run, dog on leash when public is on property, dog to attend 3 week training class and kept up on shots and vaccines. Suggestion to get the dog extensively trained as service animal.

* Adrian and Anastasia to coordinate with Joe.

Monica has submitted to coordinate the art vending and health/non-profit booths for t-days; will help with sponsorship and beer issues. Wants to present the same option to the

previous beer company. Wants flat fee of \$1000 to coordinate sponsorship, beer and specified booths.

- Ken moves that the club hire Monica for \$1000 fee to coordinate all booths except Canyon Underground and food booths and seek beer and other sponsorships. Second by Adrian. Unanimous.

- Julie moves to offer Mimi \$9,000 for the T-Days coordinator position. Second by Ken. Andrea asked about the scope of work for this year. Unanimous.

Topanga Days video: events that led to Jane purchasing footage from independent producers during the 2009 fair. Total costs of tapes, invoices, content. Jane requests reimbursement for actual costs in exchange for TCC ownership and sale/performance rights. Need for viewing to determine quality and usability of footage to determine value of footage to TCC. Meeting scheduled for Monday at 7PM at the House to view footage.

Board meeting adjourned, 12:00 AM