

2-25-10 Board meeting draft Notes

Meeting called to order 7:20 PM

Agenda was reviewed, reorganized, new business added.

Minutes from 1-28-10 Board meeting were read, motion to approve passed unanimously.

Billy Portman spoke representing the Co-op preschool. Co-op undergoing financial difficulties. Current enrollment is down about 1/3, some turnover and some attending fewer days.

Under terms of Co-op's Lease, the rent can be renegotiated for balance of year in times of hardship, and the co-op is requesting that consideration. Also, co-op benefit is scheduled for May. The Co-op requests that the TCC accept the Co-op delaying payment of the February and March rent until later in the year after their fundraiser.

* Adrian Wright moves to approve the Co-op's request to delay the February and March rent payments. Second by Ken Widen. (April rent payment will be on time, with three months payment due in May after fundraising festival). Passed unanimously.

* Andrea moves that the Co-op rent be reduced to a flat-rate of \$600 per month from February to June 2010 with no "pro-rating" for closed days. Second by Ken. Friendly amendment by Adrian that TCC-requested "off" days such as for film rentals would be pro-rated, accepted. Passed unanimously.

Brad Davis from CERT team wants to place a job box or chest storage container 6 feet long by 3 feet wide with emergency supplies and a generator, to replace the smaller storage box currently on the property. During an emergency, the CERT team can come up, access the generator, supplies etc. Box would be located next to Joe's trailer where current storage box is located. CERT is placing four containers like this throughout the canyon, supplementing smaller containers already in place. Would leave a key for TCC emergency access.

* Ken moves that the CERT team be allowed to replace the existing supply box with a larger storage container. Second by Jayni Shuman. Friendly amendment to consult with Joe before placement and final location to be determined. Motion passed unanimously.

Brad mentioned that the container placed on the TCC property by Ken Smith (formerly of CERT) does not contain any CERT items presently, that the container is not owned by CERT, and CERT disavows any claims to it.

Paul Parzik reported on the sports program. New email: coachparzik@earthlink.net
He spoke about current enrollment and projections for spring soccer program. Estimated budget projections distributed.

*Andrea Makshanoff and Paul to finalize insurance paperwork.

CHAC: Andrea mentioned the need for lines on the blind curves, plus “keep right” signs.

Garden commentary: Tommy Teeple, local garden designer. Specializes in edible landscaping. Working in conjunction with Ken, scoped out spot below the Underground stage area. Suggested a fundraising concert to fund garden.

Tommy outlined quite a few facts to support his knowledge on the subject, and discussed his willingness to be involved in the project. Tommy gave Ken a copy of his edible landscaping handbook outlining the steps to success and the potential pitfalls.

Ken will be staking out the garden plot Sunday 3PM. Native Garden planting also occurring on Sunday.

Oscar party details discussed.

House Manager Anastasia Fite requested a formal performance review, and consideration of a raise in pay.

Faerie Fest: Planet Topanga outreach resulted in proposal from two outside groups wanting to promote event for kids, extending to adults at night. Proposing once a month event. Proposal distributed for the Board to review.

Anastasia discussed that the Planet Topanga coordinator outline as currently developed (specifically 25% to the coordinators, distributed among any co-coordinators) would not work for the events she had wanted to consider i.e. movie. Believes more potential coordinators (including herself) would prefer 50% to be split between coordinator and participants. Adrian requested a revised proposal. Possible reworkings of the program were discussed.

Treasurer’s report: power outage crashed internet, printer network.

Andrea moved that an honorary lifetime membership be given to the individual members Katz family. Second by Jayni. Passed unanimously.

Jim Crawford spoke about the Topanga days video. As local bands did not get paid, he believes they should be entitled to have their video footage. Suggests the Board work out a deal to compensate Jane McAllister for the video production costs, as discussed at the last General meeting.

Membership: Julie Levine reports new members from membership drives.

Bylaws meeting scheduled April 11, 2010 at 10AM to wrap up new bylaws.

CUP: next meeting 6-7 on March 11, 2009.

Canyon Sages: new group created by active canyon residents, taking on the Senior Dinner and expanding it with senior activities.

* Liam/Anastasia to place Mumby garden approval and publicity on next meeting agenda

*Jaime to replace t-days site with placeholder

Topanga Days: Jaynie reported about coordinators, contracts.

* Jaime moves that Mimi's contract be approved provided the job descriptions match the 2008 contract and include her responsibilities from 2009. Second by Adrian. Discussion that contract needs further review. Motion rescinded.

* Jaime moves that TCC Board approve a deposit payment of \$1000 on February 25, 2010 to hire Mimi as coordinator with the total fee of \$9000 and the exact terms of the contract be reviewed over the weekend, and the balance of the initial deposit payment (\$2000) to be given at contract signing, to be signed no later than Thursday March 4, 2010. A further payment of \$3000 shall be issued by April 15, 2010, and the final installment of \$3000 to be paid by June 20, 2010, except the contract will require the final \$1000 to be withheld until final paperwork and documentation is received from Mimi. Second by Adrian. Passed unanimously.

* Adrian moves to offer the group March Fourth \$2000 for the parade and stage performances, and obtain a flatbed for them, with \$2500 authorized as maximum payment. Second by Jayni. Passed unanimously.

* Adrian moves to hire Dorothy as food vendor with guidance on the food. Second by Jayni. Approved unanimously.

* Adrian moves to hire Tyler Hudson and Ben Pollock to run the upper bar for \$250 each. Second by Andrea. Approved unanimously.

* Adrian moves to offer Randy Renner \$590 to act as main stage manager. Second by Janie. Motion tabled.

Meeting Adjourned, 12:37 AM