

## 4-14-11 TCC General Meeting Notes

Minutes from 3-10-11 read and approved.

Tom and Greg from the scouts came to talk about float in the parade. WWII Veteran boy scout from Topango: John Cassidy. Found son, JC Jr., who never saw father; found sister who was two when father passed. Wants float to honor him and them; perhaps mention at flag raising ceremony.

Has lot of kids who will help with fundraising to make this happen.

Mark described prior flag raising ceremonies with veterans, feels it would be nice to see something like this. Tom and Greg to coordinate with Mark as needed.

### President's report

Has presented sponsorship package to County, some funds should be forthcoming.

Improvements continued: wood chips, debris, caretaker's area, grounds free of debris. Soccer went well, parking went well. CUP: still in waiting mode.

Parade: facing huge financial crisis. Costs at least \$8,300. Not financially feasible without substantial support from the community.

At last night's T-Days meeting, a decision was made to pay nearly \$1400 for the permit before the deadline expires, but if the total contributions from the community are insufficient and a minimum cut-off level of \$5000 in donations is not received, then the parade will have to be scrapped. Last year the parade was \$6,900. Some costs will be slightly less; CHP wants additional officers to the tune of \$4300.

TYS: Karen introduced Andrew Moore, whose daughter is in the current TYS production. Andrew shared some ideas about improving the theater space. His son was in Topanga Player's "Tommy"; his father was a theater designer who drew up some ideas for simple improvements to the House stage.

Andrew's improvements were welcomed with the suggestion that he discuss the improvements with the Nutcracker and any other productions that regularly use the house.

House Manager report. Film festival wants to come back July 30<sup>th</sup>, wants to add the House as well as the ballfield. Past years they paid \$500 for ballfield alone. Similar rental to "for profit" group is being charged \$5,000. Suggestion to offer the increased rental at \$1000.

North Topanga Fire Safe Council: still in communication. Initial email letter asking for TCC support was read aloud. The Board and General Membership present indicated support for the council and willingness to provide a letter of support as requested, but more details will need to be provided before such a letter can be drafted.

Easter Egg Hunt: Tom Mitchell to be the Easter Bunny. Brooks and Amit unable to attend, but Brook has commitments from his sister Avery and Charlie Converse to help.

Topanga Days: progress is good. Potential KTLA early morning broadcast on Thursday morning before the fair. Stages filled; vendors filled but still awaiting payments. Children's area still uncertain. Parade saga continues.

Membership: Amit reported a few new memberships; made report at senior's lunch and got another donation. Approach to the real estate agents to get names of new residents; idea to get realtors to buy blocks of membership to give out with home sales probably not going to fly in the present real estate market.

Events: Brooks reported that the event made around \$800. TAMS acoustic music Saturday night.

Correspondence: Stephanie will send out Easter memo, TAMS notice, T-days volunteer request, Parade crisis etc.

Deadline for May 5 messenger is April 25.

Need noted for office-ready printer.

Bylaws: Jane recently spoke with Lee Michaelson and Julie Levine to pin down copy of draft bylaws. Not going to be finalized until after T-days.

New Business: Barbara Reik spoke about the redistricting proposition that passed, and how the area might be reallocated with neighboring areas. As an "area of interest", she is seeking to put together a group to speak at the hearings in late April about how our community has been lumped together with the other mountain and coastal communities traditionally.

Club could write a letter about remaining with traditional neighbors. We want the redistricting to reflect the nature of our community, etc.

Highway House: some adjustments must be made before this event can come back. Potential dates discussed. Probably will be postponed until after T-days.

E-waste recycling event at TCC on Friday 4-15-11: bring old used dead electronics.

Asphalt repair on Joe's driveway: no funds, no more free asphalt. Mark will patch it with sandstone or grindings and compact it before Earthday, should hold up through T-Days.

Amit and Brooks to send press release about Topanga Underground to Messenger.