## Topanga Community Club General Meeting April 11, 2013

In attendance: President Mark Nygard, Gabrielle Lamirand, Gary Jensen, Jaime Scher, Bryan Hutchinson, Carolyn Day, Jane McAllister, Karen Cooke, Joe Pileggi, Karla Morrison, Bonnie Morgan, Julie Levine, Efrain Cerda, Heather Broussard, Andrea Makshonoff, Ikedu Terrell,

President Mark Nygard welcomed everyone to the meeting.

Minutes from 3/14/13 read. Motion to approve, Karla, second by Gary; unanimous.

Presidents report: Mark thanked the people in the community who came together to repave the parking lot. He offered thanks to Bryan Hutchinson, his family and friends, and Gary Jensen for generous donations of labor and material to save the club tens of thousands on the job. He thanked all the laborers and others who helped; he will try to ut a complete list together to thank them publicly at Topanga Days.

TYS fundraiser event this weekend; Earthday the weekend after.

Playground fundraising group has collected \$30,000 so far including equipment sponsorship.

CUP: Fire Department to check roads, all looking good. Dick Sherman to certify percolation pits for septic. Traffic study approved in concordance with Theatricum, Vision study yet to be performed. Waived permit requirements for playground.

TYS: last production Grease very well received, big hit for kids and audience. New fire-safe curtains have been installed. Concert event this weekend expecting good team turnout.

Carolyn Day mentioned that she is still working to restart the co-op preschool.

Proposed Bylaw Amendment: Discussion

## Cons:

- 1. not enough general meetings
- 2. harder to vote
- 3. harder to run than vote

Suggestion to bring it back in October- November to give members full year to participate in the two meetings

Does not consider those who work for the club in other committees but cannot attend Thursdays. Should include Board meetings too, quite likely other committee meetings.

Might be legal obligation to allow member to vote.

Might be advantage to having no restrictions, allowing everyone to vote to eliminate special interests getting accident.

Online voting or voting by mail to get more membership in attendance.

## Pros:

Problem is the consistent observation of full attendance at the election by people who never show up again. How to stop people with special interests from bringing their friends to one meeting and voting.

Mark moved to table the motion, second by Andrea.

 Gabrielle to find membership and voting qualifications, Jaime to put on website.

Bylaws amendment submitted by Jane, second by Karla: to properly authorize creation of a senior couple category, a bylaw amendment is proposed that reads: A new membership category is created for Senior couples (two people both aged 65 or over) with dues at \$35 per year.

Website: Question arose regarding use of Wordpress due to recent denial of service attacks. Bonnie feels that by employing best practices, the Wordpress platform should be stable enough to support the club's site. Shopping cart will be back online pending access being given to the Topanga Days site.

Meeting adjourned, 8:30 PM