

Topanga Community Club General Meeting
May 9, 2013

President Mark Nygard welcomed everyone to the meeting.

Minutes from April 11, 2013 General meeting read. Andrea Makshonoff moved to approve, second by Neil Shaw. Unanimous.

Jesse spoke about the Topanga Co-op Preschool, currently on hiatus. The last Board of the Co-Op has voted to entrust the remaining funds and materials to the TCC for the purposes of restarting the Co-op. If after five years the Co-op has not been restarted, the funds will revert to the TCC for general use. Additionally, five hundred dollars is given to the Playground Reboot fund.

The Bylaws amendment submitted by Jane and seconded by Karla at the April meeting to properly authorize creation of a senior couple category was voted upon. The Bylaws Amendment reads: A new membership category is created for Senior couples (two people both aged 65 or over) with dues at \$35 per year. Approved unanimously.

Kelly Rockwell gave a report on the playground committee's progress with fundraising, design, and logistical planning.

Nonie Shore spoke about playground hours and access. Concern is that if there is a private preschool, no other member of the public can use the playground during those hours. Presented a motion to require that "community playground" be open to the public and exclude private leaseholds including the co-op preschool.

Kelly presented a motion regarding access that is attached to the minutes. Second by Nonie. Stated clearly that if the matter is not resolved by June, they will not go forward with the project.

Rick suggested that access to the playground be by special limited co-op/playground membership.

Andrea questioned whether the wording could increase insurance costs.

Gabrielle suggested that having the preschool lock out the playground could preclude the TCC from offering other no/low cost programs for the community, and mentioned that there were other ways for the TCC to make money.

Jesse suggested perhaps the pre-school would take field trips to the playground.

Bryan suggested perhaps a separate area for the pre-school playground.

Mark felt that a compromise could be found to make everything happen, and suggested forming a committee to find a solution.

Jen Youngs and Otto presented the idea for a festival October 19th and 20th showcasing organic, sustainable and local farms and holistic living. Farmers market,

workshops, music, yoga, and film. (Laura from Farm Food and Freedom), healthy vendors and sponsors, whole foods. Currently planned to be non-alcoholic.

Considering co-production with TCC rather than rental.

Meeting adjourned, 8:45 PM