

Forest Ranch Community Association
02/15/2023 Meeting Minutes
Open Community Meeting

Community Meeting Event: We hosted a paint evening with various shapes of wood cutouts and all supplies. We had three children attend the event.

Call to Order: 7:01 PM

(The meeting was called to order late due to the BOD waiting to have a quorum present)

Pledge of Allegiance

Roll Call: Gretchen Vandewalle, Stephanie Mock, David Mitchell, Dorr Lewright, Dan Christian, Beth Wattenberg, Jill Collins, Craig Kielb, Nancy Bacon, Mishka Nobel

Approval/Review of 01/18/2023 Minutes: Nancy motioned to approve the minutes. Dorr seconded. All in favor, none opposed. Minutes approved.

Secretary Report: No report

Treasurer Report:

- The non-functioning ATT WiFi/phone have been disconnected and we have transitioned to the use of Verizon MiFi for internet which results in an approximately \$400/month decrease in expenses.
- We renewed our Tapco insurance policy for \$1930 which remains as liability only (We checked with CA Fair Plan again and it is still around \$9000 for a year which remains out of budget).
- We have seen a significant increase in the monthly cost of propane with \$1320.00 for the month of January. Propane is provided by Hunt and we receive the bulk rate. It appears that various individuals/groups have been leaving the heater on at high temperatures when leaving the center which seems to account for the excessive use of propane. It was proposed that we look into installing a timed thermostat to prevent the heat from being left at high temperatures over an extended period of time. Mishka will consult with Jim Norman regarding selection, cost, and installation. We will also post a new sign on the door as a reminder to turn the thermostat down to 55F before leaving.
- We paid \$468 for property tax.
- Our current balance \$9293.50 with \$860 in the reserve account.

Center Coordinator Report:

- There are 3 upcoming paying rentals.
- There also upcoming use by Mountain Joy for the Easter play and Lions for the Pancake Breakfast in addition to regular usage.
- We waived a rental fee for a lease which took place during the heater outage.

Old Business:

- Insurance: Dan Christian did check with Mountain Joy's insurance provider; however, they will not consider coverage for the FRCA. We renewed our Tapco insurance policy for \$1930 which remains as liability only (We checked with CA Fair Plan again and it is still around \$9000 for a year which remains out of budget).
- Mishka will follow up on procuring an Alert FM for the community center.

Open Business:

- Dead Trees & Neighbor's Damaged Shed
 - Marlene sent out the email to Rawe Tree Care which responded with a bid of \$1600 to take down the existing trees which have been a concern for the neighbor since the incident when a tree which fell on their shed. Marlene and Rob Marshall plan to clean up the logs/debris from falling the trees. Dorr motioned to hire Rawe Tree Care for the amount of \$1600. Jill second the motion. Nancy will follow up with Marlene to proceed.
- Google Workspace
 - Mishka is meeting with Janet on Saturday, February 18th to discuss plans for implementing Google Workspace.
- Bathroom Rejuvenation
 - Mishka will follow up on a quote for a diagnostic and estimates for the bathroom rejuvenation.
- Internet
 - The MiFi internet device was purchased from Verizon and due to arrive Monday, February 20th. The device was purchased outright for \$199.99 + tax. The Business Unlimited Plus Data Device Plan is \$41.40 per month + \$7.72 in Total Equipment Coverage. Mishka will coordinate with Nancy to switch the recurring payment method from personal to FRCA.
- Events

There is a great necessity to move forward with fundraising events to create more revenue for the FRCA. Many various ideas were proposed.

- Monte Carlo
 - The members present would like to see the Monte Carlo organized for this year despite it being later than the typical St. Patrick's Day timeframe. There was some debate over keeping the name Monte Carlo with no official resolution. The Women's Club may consider doing the white elephant if there is a substantial amount of organization for the event by the FRCA.
- We would still like to move forward with a Cornhole Tournament since there has been a portion of planning completed and interest from the community. This will go on March's agenda. The new timeframe was discussed as being late spring or early summer.
- Beth proposed that we host another art/craft event like the Artisan Faire which was held in 2022. Ideas included donating a portion of the commissions instead of charging for spaces. Like last year, a significant amount of publicity would be required to make the event successful. Proposed timelines are June/July.
- Craig would like to see Movie Night make a comeback. Mishka will coordinate restarting the event with Kathy. Mishka will discuss Dojo school notifications with Christia.

- Craig proposed that a parent/kid's playdate or meetup group be started. Mishka would be willing to facilitate but not to organize. It was proposed that we contact the Women's Club to find out if they would have interest in organizing these meetups. This is to be added to the March agenda.
- Craig mentioned the idea of a car show and coffee event.

New Business

- Volunteer yard cleanup day.
 - Once the tree removal date is set, the board would like to set a date for a volunteer yard cleanup to do some yard maintenance at the center.
- Fundraising Opportunities
 - Refer the Events section of open business.
- Membership Drive
 - We are at our lowest numbers for membership in relation to recent years. The reasons seem to be community members who have moved away or passed away, new community members which have not received sufficient outreach, and the cessation of bulk mailing The Post with membership reminders. Beth is looking into our bulk options/costs again.
 - Beth suggested that we include another raffle or some kind of fun game with a prize to support membership drive.
 - Mishka would like to organize neighborhood canvassing. Beth may have a list of potential neighborhood representatives from prior initiatives.
 - It was proposed that we should post FRCA Membership Roll on the website with the exclusion of those members which wish to remain anonymous.
 - We would like to have further discussion about membership payment terms and prorating at the March BOD meeting.
 - We would like to add Square as a payment method for membership on the website. Mishka will look into this.

Representative Reports

- **Forest Ranch Charter School:** The school is currently doing enrollments. Taneesha is posting on the two Facebook sites to provide information. The admin team will review where they are at with enrollment by end of summer for any new families which wish to send their children up from Chico. Christia is trying to find a bus driver for next year. There are approximately 30-40 kids on the bus daily. The charter school owns their two busses and there was some maintenance last year. The backup driver is not willing to take on a full-time position. The Parent-Teacher-Partnership is organizing a variety of fundraisers including a Mod Pizza takeover March 6 and a See's candy fundraising event with the date to be determined. Flyers are being posted to notify the community.
- **Company 24:** Craig provided an update on Comp. 24. The department has a new academy graduate (another David who is in the Doe Mill area) as of one week ago. This brings the department to a total of 3 new recruits within the last two years. Emma resigned from the department. Sam will be out for a little bit. The department is getting a new water tender, but the delivery date is currently unknown. The existing water tender has been out of official

commission since the middle of December due to tires which are past their intended lifecycle. The new tires should arrive next week.

- **Forest Ranch Women's Club:** No report
- **Forest Ranch Lions Club:** The Valentine's Dinner was a huge success with wonderful food and a full house at 62 people. The Pancake Breakfast/Easter Egg Hunt will be on April 1st. The Women's Club will help stuff eggs for the hunt. There will be carnival games this year and Jill talked to Christia to find out if the middle school students would be willing to run the games which would provide them with profits from the day including games and bake sale revenue to assist them with an upcoming field trip to the Monterey Bay Aquarium. The recycle day was very successful with 7 Lions for the standard 2 hours resulting in the trailer's capacity being maxed out. The next recycle day will be Saturday, March 11th.
- **The Post:** All articles for publication in the March Post are due by February 22nd.
- **Forest Ranch Fire Safe Council:** Be sure to check out bereadybutte.com for county-wide fire safe information. Butte county is looking into warning sirens for the ridges although this is just a possibility, not solidified. The FRFSC is now looking into placing an 8x20 cargo container at the school instead of a storage shed at the community center. Don't forget there is a discount for being a fire safe community and we have the certificate available. The Butte County Fire Safe Council has purchased kilns for biochar. The Paradise Grazing Festival will be on March 25th (sign at post office).
- **Broom Education and Eradication Program:** No report
- **Community Emergency Response Team:** There will be a CERT training course on Saturday, March 25th-26th at 1222 Openshaw Rd in Oroville.
- **Mountain Joy Fellowship:** There will be a Ladies' Tea on April 29th which is open to community. There are no age restrictions. The event will take place at the church. If you wish to attend, please RSVP with Janette Christian.

Announcements: None

Adjournment: Adjourned at 8:02PM