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(to be approved at February meeting)

VWC Board of Directors Meeting January 13, 2009

The meeting was called to order by Nancy G. at 6:35.

IN ATTENDANCE: current Board members Nancy Gerdt, Mary, Vince, Hilary, Dusty, Nancy Macy, Donna, Sheila, new Board members Jenna Collier, Karen Burman, Dixie Mitchell-Clow, Marge Deason, general member and recording secretary, Pat Armstrong; and guests and general members Roberta McPherson and Liz Taylor-Selling.

Introductions were made and new members welcomed to the board.

Hilary thanked Pat and Donna for taking Minutes at board meetings.

December Minutes were approved as submitted.

Content

Mayan Sale Report Roberta reported that Maya Works have raised their prices substantially, and the VWC did not feel that prices here could increase as much. VWC profit for the 2008 Mayan sale was one-quarter of previous sales. Roberta is beginning to question whether the effort is justified, although the enthusiasm from the students of the Equity Committee was high. The Mayan sale discussion will be revisited at the September board meeting.

Phoners for **MCR's February phonathon** were invited by Liz Taylor-Selling of MCR. February 5 was suggested as the date, and Nancy M., Nancy G., Mary, Dixie, Donna and Judi Sherman agreed to phone on behalf of the Valley Women's Club.

Board officer elections were held, and the officers for 2009 are:

Outgoing president:	Michele Mosher
President:	Nancy Gerdt
President-Elect:	Vince Waskell
Treasurer:	Sheila Delany
Corresponding secretary:	Donna Ziel
Recording secretary:	Pat Armstrong (general member)
Budget officer:	open position

Committee Year-End reports were distributed, and committees were established for 2009 as follows:

Education Committee: Donna (chair), Vince, Dusty, Dorrie Kennedy, and Hilary. To provide scholarships for SLV high school students who will attend Cabrillo College, a

rummage sale, organized by Hilary, is held in June. Sheila, Donna, Dix, Marge, and Sandy Love will assist with the scholarship applications and awards. Hilary reported that the goods donated for the sale have not been as good as in the past, and the response to the sale has not been as positive. She indicated that she would try for one more year, and if no improvement, will consider discontinuing the program.

Environmental Committee: Nancy M. & Carol Carson (co-chair), Dusty, Karen, and Kevin Collins

Women's Issues: Sheila (chair), Karen, Dixie

Publicity Committee: Donna (chair) discussed procedure: the individual in charge of a VWC event sends information to Donna for a press release and inclusion on VWC website 2 weeks prior to the date. Vince offered to assist with the process for T.V. advertising.

Newsletter: Nancy M. described the job of newsletter editor, and Dixie volunteered to work on the newsletter.

Fund Development: Mary (chair), Donna, Nancy G., Jenna

Retreat – will be held on March 15 at Camp Joy; Judi Sherman will be asked to facilitate.

General Membership Meeting (2/22) – Sign-up sheet sent around

Hammer Marcum (5/3) – Nancy M. reported that the procedure is available in print.

VWC Membership – now totals 179.

It was moved, seconded and carried to approve the **RC Safety Report**.

Sheila read her proposed letter to President-elect Obama, asking that CEDAW (Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination Against Women) be ratified. It was moved seconded and carried to mail the letter and to urge the president-elect to establish an Office on Women in the Obama-Biden administration.

Donna suggested sending a letter to support the Lilly-Ledbetter bills. It was moved, seconded and carried that the letter be written.*

It was moved, seconded and carried to endorse the California Product Stewardship Council's efforts to shift California's product waste management system from one focused on government funded and ratepayer financed waste diversion to one that relies on producer responsibility in order to reduce public costs and drive improvements in product design that promote environmental sustainability.

Members signed up to provide dinners for 2009 board meetings.

Audit volunteers for February: Nancy M., Sheila, Vince, Donna, and Mary

Bus Shelters – Metro Santa Cruz will provide a list and map of shelter sites in San Lorenzo Valley. Metro SC will build a shelter at Felton Faire. Further discussion of bus shelters tabled until March.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Felton Library Friends – To support the Friends of the Santa Cruz Public Libraries, Paula Poundstone will perform on Saturday, February 7, at the Rio Theater in Santa Cruz. Felton and Scotts Valley will “fast-track” design of libraries to qualify for Obama’s infrastructure program. On January 18, a “Jam for Change” festival will be held in Boulder Creek, the proceeds of which will go to Boulder Creek Friends of the Library.

A Master Composter training Program will be held January-March. Info, schedule and application on-line at www.compostsantacruzcounty.org. Application deadline January 26, 2009.

Annual pro-choice brunch will be held on Saturday, January 24, at 10 a.m. at United Methodist Church, Santa Cruz.

SMART (Single Moms’ Alliance for Reproductive Training) goal-setting workshop will be held on January 21, 6:30-7:30 p.m., at Walnut Avenue Women’s Center. Sheila suggested that the MCR Board invite Kymberly Lacrosse, Executive Director of SMART, to address that board.

Redwood Mountain Preschool has 20 additional spots.

Dinner for February board meeting: Dixie and Donna

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:36 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Pat Armstrong, Recording Secretary

*Follow-up