

## MINUTES

### VWC Board of Directors Meeting March 9, 2010 (Approved April 13, 2010)

The meeting was called to order at 6:35 p.m., at the Satellite, by President Vince Waskell.

**IN ATTENDANCE:** Board members Karen Burman, Jody Bruce, Sheila De Lany, Nancy Gerdt, Dusty Gipson, Nancy Macy, Lynn McKibbin, Dixie Mitchell-Clow, Michelle Mosher, Donna Ziel, and visiting member, Leslie Steiner.

**ABSENT:** Marge Deason, Mary Hammer

**Guest Speaker** John Gallagher spoke about the need for organ donors and, from personal experience as a donor for a sister, described specifically the live donor kidney donation program.

#### **Minutes**

The minutes February 2010 meeting were unavailable and will be added to the March agenda for approval.

#### **Annual Meeting Committee**

Nancy M. reported that arrangements are under control and the procedural records have been a great help. The Scholarship Recipients will be presented, and Bill Monning's assistant offered to speak on his behalf and though it's too late to appear in the program she will be fit in.

#### **2010 Budget Review**

The Fund Development Committee has endeavored to determine a reserve amount which would cover essential operational needs for a year. A number of line item changes, deletions, and corrections were proposed for approval next meeting. Thanks to Sheila, Donna, and Beth for good work.

#### **Redwood Mt. Faire Update**

According to Nancy M. plans and preparations are moving along. The entertainment committee has the time-consuming task of vetting the now 70 bands that have applied. Moonalice has been booked for free! Amanda Moore is still working on booking a "20- and 30-something" attraction. The Waikiki Fundraiser was fun and successful, grossing \$3229, and, happily, random unsolicited donations are coming in. The Committee are soliciting nonprofits for specific jobs. The 60-booth total includes both nonprofits and arts & crafts.

### **Brochure**

Nancy G. floated a suggestion to change the brochure's on-ramp for volunteers from the current format of check-offs for specific events to four categories headed by the main committees—Environmental, Education, and Women's Issues, plus Events, with examples of volunteer opportunities listed for each.

### **Recycling Center Budget**

Nancy M. outlined the 2010 RC Budget and will provide copies for distribution next meeting. Although optimistic that there will be enough money to get through another year, she noted that long-overdue restoration of pay, hours, and raises for employees will not be possible without an unexpected increase in revenue and that there will be more cuts by the County, and even the possibility that the Transfer Station might only operate five days a week. She is pursuing the plans for expansion of the Felton yard, bringing in a construction module for office space. Following a favorable discussion the RCC Advisory Committee recommendation to convert the RC budget from calendar year to fiscal year in sync with the County budget year was scheduled for action at the next meeting.

### **Recycling Center Safety Report**

Nancy M. highlighted the goal to empower RC workers to not hurry because rushing to take care of spikes in customer traffic seems to be a factor in accidents including that involving an RC employee, which resulted in a now two-year-old workers' compensation claim and an increase in RC workers' comp insurance costs.

### **Audit Schedule for April – Sheila, Nancy M., ?**

### **Transition SLV**

Nancy M. summarized Judith Broadhurst's presentation on Transition SLV at the last Environmental Committee meeting and proposed that the VWC sponsor TSLV until they get their 501C-3 status, such that they could fall under the umbrella of our liability insurance for purposes of hall rental for meetings. Following discussion, consensus was to invite Judith Broadhurst to the next meeting to satisfy some concerns. Member can check out TSLV website: <http://transitionslv.ning.com/>

### **June Ballot Measures**

Both **Prop 16 (the PG&E ballot)** and **Prop 15 - Public funding for political campaigns** were proposed for consideration to determine whether the VWC would take a stand at next month's meeting. Note: The League of Women Voters has already endorsed Prop 15.

### **Google Docs**

Dixie noted that 7 people have signed up and urged others to get on board. She will remove the board minutes since they're on the VWC website.

**Membership Volunteer Opportunities**

Please report any volunteer opportunities to Nancy G. Nancy will send out the list every two months covering three months.

**Community Connections**

Dusty described the bio-degradable/compostable "Ready for School" bags distributed to 160 public school and 25 home school pupils at SLV schools kindergarten registration.

Sheila called attention to the roll out of 211 Santa Cruz County which connects people to essential community information and referral services and, among other benefits, reduces the 911 call volume.

Sheila announced that save-the-date cards were planned for the Expanding Your Horizons Conference, and that Bill Monning will speak at the Women's Commission reception on March 18.

Donna reported that 511 information number does not cover Monterey and Santa Cruz County but is in the planning stages, noting that she (and some other members) found it helpful driving in other Bay Area counties that have it.

The League of Women Voters has been informed that we will not be hosting a candidates' forum for the June election and thus, we will not be asking them to provide moderators or timekeepers.

A forum on funding alternative transportation methods will be held March 25, 1-3, at the Main Library.

**Minute-taking Suggestion**

Nancy G. made an informal suggestion that others share minute-taking with the Secretary so that she/he could more fully participate in meetings. She, Lynn, Dixie, and Michelle volunteered to participate in the rota.

The meeting was adjourned at 8.54.

Respectfully submitted,

Karen Burman