



Dominican Black Canyon Neighborhood Association

Board Meeting
MINUTES
November 8, 2017
Nixon Residence, 7:00 pm

Present: Board: Marty Wickenheiser, Bob Levine, Edie Dagley, Jeff Cardneau, Jack Nixon, Jay Hubert, Bonnie Marks
Members: David Wolfensperger, Stephanie Burton, Greg Brockbank Esther Wanning, and Paul Minault
Guests: Todd Lando, Coordinator, FireSafe Marin

President Nixon called the meeting to order at 7:03 pm

1. **Minutes** from October meeting approved as read.
2. **Treasurer's report** (Bonnie).
 - a. As of Oct. 30, 2017 we have received \$4856 in dues.
 - b. This includes an additional \$440 since Oct 31.
 - c. Bonnie circulated her budget proposal for 2018, which included increased funds for the cocktail party, Summer Scoop and newsletter. There is nothing allocated yet for the Firewise committee. *(to be discussed next month)*
3. **Todd Lando, FireSafe Marin**
 - a. At our request, Todd Lando of the FireSafe Council (of this a public/private partnership formed in 1990 to address wildfire safety and prevention) explained their purpose and how to become a FireWise community. They receive \$1million a year in state and federal grants. Todd discussed the history of the group and Board members all voiced their individual concerns and questions. He stated, " The federal agencies do not have the funds to enforce maintenance by homeowners. It is up to the individual neighborhoods to form Firewise committees and work with the local fire departments. The most critical area is to remove dry leaves and needles and any vegetation within five feet of the home. Firewise provides education for communities on maintenance for fire prevention. There are five steps to become a FireWise community:
 - i. As a Board, decide to be a "Firewise" Board (includes outreach, education, chipper days, events, liaison with Fire Dept.)
 - ii. There are FireWise seminars which some of our Board should attend.

