



Dominican Black Canyon Neighborhood Association

MEMBERSHIP AND BOARD MEETING MINUTES

Wednesday, October 9, 2019 7:00 PM

Trinity Community Church, 1675 Grand Ave., SR

Present: Jay Hubert, Jack Nixon, John Contini, Herb Ancill, Pauline Ancill, Becky Gayman

1. Call to order: *By President Jack Nixon at 7:01pm.*
2. Approval of September 11 Minutes : *Approved with one correction of name 'Carl Huber'.*
3. Treasurer's Report: *Bonnie submitted report to all board members by email. Brief discussion regarding the amount and the use of the reserve for fixed items such as chipper and/or goat/weed removal services.*
4. Committee Reports
 - a. Membership Committee: *Marty/Monica not present.*
 - i. Membership count: *General discussion was with post newsletter, a clear, current count would be available.*
 - ii. Consideration of Filemaker program for data collection: *Jay researched the program, comparing its' features with Excel as well as the flexibility of use of any program by several members. Prices varying from \$280. to \$540. Discussion resulted in tabling of topic until Bonnie, Marty and Monica are present for input.*
 - iii. FireWise Committee: *Jay brought up five topics for consideration.*
 - ~ Possible speaker for Annual DBCNA meeting - Todd Lando
 - ~ SRFD sponsored "Windshield Survey" of trained volunteers that check for clearance of brush/vegetation . *Our DBCNA volunteers are Jay, Paul Minault, and John Bell.*
 - ~ " Windshield Survey" also include looking evacuation hazards, i.e. ditches, lack of white reflective lines on edge of street surface.
 - ~ Requested ideas for John regarding FireWise grant for this next spring.
 - ~ Possibly have Matt Uarius (?) , the Vegetative Management Specialist with SRFD, talk to our group.
 - iv. How to proceed re ditches on Mt. View. *Discussion of the concern that Paul has expressed and the followed up with the City of San Rafael. Brief discussion of the response from the City. Jack will follow up this discussion with Kate Collin and Gary Phillip at the City.*
 - b. Safety & Crime Prevention: *Herb no update to share at this time.*
 - c. Website development and email blast updates: *General discussion about ways to encourage more residents to be on "Nextdoor" and if we are duplicating with Mail Chimp. A question for our webmaster Robert So.*
5. Old Business
 - a. Comments/critique on Newsletter: *Suggestion was for more pictures. Also, Becky to review past newsletters and to make up lists of suggested articles per Fall and Spring newsletters.*
6. New business
 - b. Dinner at Dominican: Sandy Miller in charge: *Currently 20 people signed up for October 30th.*
 - i. Publicity
 - I. ND and MC announcements
 - II. Newsletter: done
 - III. Signs can we afford one or two?
 - IV. Greeters: very important: need at least four : *Board Members encouraged to do.*
 - V. Signs for table: *Not able to reserve seating*

- VI. Kids' costume competition or just acknowledgement: *Costumes to be encouraged*
- c. November and December meetings: *Brief discussion, group decided November meeting only.*
 - d. Cocktail party set for Feb. 21: Edie Dagley in charge
 - e. Report on local politics: *Jack briefly discussed the upcoming vote regarding District representation for San Rafael City, the suggested district maps soon to be presented to the residents.*
 - f. Jay brought up that the best site for FireSafe preparations are on the Fire Safe Marin website:
<https://www.firesafemarin.org/>

8. Adjourn: *Meeting adjourned at 8:12 pm.*

Next DBCNA Board Meeting: November 13, 2019: 7:00pm: Nixon home.