

**Inter Canyon League
Minutes of the General Meeting
Tuesday, June 4, 2019 at 7:00 PM Modjeska Community Center**

I. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 7:00pm by President Sarkissian.

II. General Announcements

Nick Pivaroff and Dave Erickson from the Orange County Fire Authority announced receipt of \$5.4 million in grants for fighting invasive shot hole borers, insects that increase fire danger by killing trees. OCFA will do aerial surveys and work with University of California Extension to identify and remove infested dead and dying trees. They will need permission to enter private land. Risk to nesting birds must be weighed. Residents can ask UC Extension to investigate suspected borer infestation, or see pshb.org and gsob.org. Mary Schreiber said that cleared brush can be brought to the Trabuco Canyon chipper day the last Saturday of June, or to Aguinaga Green (in Baker Canyon).

III. Director Reports

a. President---Geoffrey Sarkissian

No report.

b. Vice President---Dion Sorrell

The May 18 third annual Shakespeare festival and Modjeska House open house brought 187 attendees. A one-day children's workshop is planned for July 13, followed by an adult acting workshop and a September 28 invitation-only Shakespeare performance. The Polish consulate has been invited to the September 28 event. If you are not affiliated with the Polish consulate, please ask a Modjeska House volunteer about invitations.

c. Secretary---Scott Breeden

The minutes of the May ICL meeting were approved 4-0.

d. Treasurer---Francesca Duff

Phil and Melody McWilliams, through Benevity, secured a \$1,185.30 donation for the canyon archives. The ICL web site fee was paid. Friends of the Library had some income and expenditure. Paid ICL membership stands at 13. The financial report was approved 4-0.

IV. Advisory Committee Reports

a. Friends of the Library---Fran Williams

This year's summer reading program will be from June 17 to July 28, with a juggler entertaining on June 19.

July 20 is "festival day" when an open house at the library will celebrate the 90th anniversary of a library in the canyons. That is the same day as the Children's Center open house and Silverado's July concert in the park.

Regarding library publicity on social media like Facebook, the county is reportedly beginning to allow that, on a department-by-department basis.

b. History---Melody McWilliams

Fran Williams promised a "magnificent" display at the library open house that will feature library-related (including library-cat-related) items from the canyon archives.

c. Canyon Watch / Fire Watch---Emily Graham

Door hangers providing emergency information have been distributed in Modjeska, and are available for Silverado. The goal is to get people to talk to their neighbors in order to be better prepared in case of a fire or other emergency. Block captains distribute the door hangers to residents.

Fran said that contact information, including information about animals, was important in the 2007 fire. Using GMRS radios, evacuees at the Albertsons parking lot could let people still in the canyons know where there were cats needing to be fed, etc.

d. Emergency Preparedness---Joanne Hubble, Connie Nelson

Joanne said that the canyon directory mock-up is done. It includes phone numbers and emergency information like human and animal evacuation instructions. The Orange County Fire Authority is paying most of the bill, but Fran proposed that the remaining \$659.30 come from ICL's Friends of the Library fund as payback to the community for buying previous editions of this "book" to support the library. This passed 4-0. The intent is to provide two copies per household; distribution details are to be worked out.

Contact Joanne or Connie if interested in horse evacuation drills—there is a June 15 event.

e. Country Fair---Jane Bove

Bands are set; the committee is getting ready to send out booth applications.

f. Communications---Francesca Duff, Dion Sorrell

No report.

g. Land Use---Scott Breeden

No report.

V. New Business & Brainstorming

a. Pre-meeting Fun: Fruit and Veggies exchange? Food and music.

b. Projector purchase?

c. Public speaker recruitment

d. Topics for future meetings

Suggestions from those present included gardening—John Olson and Debbie Johnson are currently overseeing a community garden and vegetable exchange. Related ideas: irrigation, and pest control like with Have-a-Heart traps.

e. Other

Geoff will let everyone know when the Regional Water Board meets so we can support the county's proposed plan (LAMP) to allow use of existing functional septic systems.

Connie Nelson proposed having a potluck to recruit Canyon Watch volunteers. A motion to authorize Connie to spend up to \$100 on this, at a date of her choosing, passed 3-0.

VI. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 8:10pm.

***** The next ICL meeting will be held July 2, 2019 at the Silverado Community Center *****