

**Inter Canyon League**  
**Minutes of the General Meeting**  
**Tuesday, November 13, 2018 at 7:00 PM Silverado Community Center**

**I. Call to Order**

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

**II. General Announcements**

Modjeska's Fire Watch is seeking volunteers for two hour shifts to patrol during high wind events. Please help keep our community safe from devastating wildfires. Email [modjeskafirewatch@gmail.com](mailto:modjeskafirewatch@gmail.com) to sign up.

**III. Director Reports**

**a. President---Janet Wilson**

Janet is starting a new job which will conflict with continuing as an ICL director.

**b. Vice President---Geoffrey Sarkissian**

No report, just presentation of flowers from Sarah Sarkissian and cupcakes from Francesca Duff to Janet for her service as ICL President and director.

**c. Secretary---Scott Breeden**

The October meeting minutes were approved 5-0.

**d. Treasurer---Francesca Duff**

Silverado Fair income was \$5,043 from alcohol sales, \$152 from the Disneyland ticket raffle, and \$70 from the silent auction. Minus \$510 for the guard and other expenses, the net was about \$5,000 for ICL's general fund. Friends of the Library took in about \$2,000, and the other accounts had no activity. The October financial report was approved 5-0.

**e. Director---Dion Sorrell**

The Modjeska Foundation is working on establishing a sister city relationship with Krakow (in Poland, Madame Modjeska's birthplace). This might lead to sharing artifacts, information, and possibly a trip.

Other possible future Modjeska events are a Shakespeare lecture or performance at someone's house, and sonnet recitation coaching from Chapman University.

**IV. Advisory Committee Reports**

**a. Land Use---Janet Wilson, Scott Breeden**

OC Public Works (OCPW) held a Community Open House November 7 about Santiago Canyon Road "safety improvements" planned for next year: these could include flashing beacons, buffered bike lanes and delineators, and curve warning signs. OCPW staff answered questions and invited residents to submit comments. Scott will see if they can also make a presentation at the next ICL meeting.

Janet reported that things are not much different on the Irvine Mesa, according to Zach of The Wildlands Conservancy (TWC), which is the former owner and apparently current holder of a note and a conservation easement option on the property. Janet would like to turn TWC-related matters over to someone else in ICL.

**b. Fair---Jane Bove**

Jane provided an income/expense report for last month's Silverado Country Fair. Attendance was down this year, especially on Saturday when it rained, but subtracting about \$10,962

in expenses from about \$12,626 in income left a profit of about \$1,663. Jane recommended adding that to some money in the Fair checking account to make a \$2,000 donation to ICL for distribution to the Children's Center, Canyon Watch, Fire Safe Council, and Fire Station 14. A \$1,000 donation from Supervisor Todd Spitzer is also expected, but ICL would want to know if that is from political campaign funds.

Wind damage during post-fair cleanup at the community center might cost \$2,000 or more. ICL will hold off distributing fair proceeds until more is known.

Jane announced that she will not be in charge of the fair next year, but Renee LeClair offered to be “gofer” for Kelly Markham in her place.

**c. Friends of the Library**---Fran Williams

Friends earned about \$2,100 from their Silverado Fair boutique, and spent \$395 to sponsor “Walk on the Wild Side,” a program featuring six wild animals at the library on November 14. Friends also anticipate a bill for \$391 to renew a license for showing movies at the library—movies for children are a success, but ones for adults not so much.

Disneyland, which has donated tickets for fundraising purposes to Friends of the Library for many years, has changed their procedure for complimentary ticket requests: now these must be made through the Points of Light organization. Fran printed out email containing more information about this for ICL to consider, reminding everyone (once again) that she intends to step down as head of Friends of the Library by the end of the year.

In case Fran actually follows through on her threat, Connie Carter and Mitzi Perry have volunteered to run the next fundraiser: the swap meet in April. And Anjan and Sarah Purohit said they would start posting library information on NextDoor.

**d. Canyon Watch / Fire Watch**---Marion Schuller, Emily Graham

Cle Robinson reported that radio training is being provided if requested, but things have slowed down a lot. Only two or three people come to Coffee and Cars events. Janet wondered if the radios are needed now that cell phones are common. Cle said it's good to have a backup, but educating people is not easy. And radios are needed to train on.

Radios cost about \$200 each. Cle has a list of radios loaned out to people; about six handhelds are available, but they need batteries (\$17 each). Users also need licenses, which expire. When Canyon Watch was part of CREST, they used that group's license.

Janet encouraged Cle to publicize radio training at the Silverado Thanksgiving weekend community potluck.

**e. Emergency Preparedness**---Joanne Hubble, Connie Nelson

Geoff noted that Verizon cell phone service goes out when SCE's power goes out. Also, the county will not be providing straw bales and sandbags since it's been over ten years since the last big fire. The good news is that it's been over ten years since the last big fire.

**f. Communications**---Dion Sorrell, Francesca Duff

Verizon told Debbie Johnson that all cell sites are working. Jane Bove added that Sprint works in most of Silverado, including at the community center. Verizon's cell installations appear to be painted but not planted (landscaped), and there is a question about whether they have battery backup.

Francesca added information to the ICL web site about Orange County's proposed LAMP (Local Alternative Management Program) for septic systems.

Dion is continuing to research local low power AM or FM radio stations for disaster information (or music); Jim Kelly is helping with technical information. Finding a good spot is important, but perhaps a van would work in emergencies.

Dion wondered about reaching out to residents in new areas like Saddle Crest, or could they have their own patrols? Bruce Newell reportedly got some interest in volunteer firefighting at Station 16 from Santiago Estates.

**g. Septic**---Janet Wilson, Marion Schuller, etc.

The ordinances to support Orange County's proposed LAMP are reportedly almost done. The Regional Water Board is looking to put this on their agenda for January.

**h. History**---Melody McWilliams

No report.

## **V. New Business**

**a.** Plane overflights---Joanne Hubble

No report.

**b.** Location of December meeting

Silverado.

**c.** Septic pumping

Orange County Pumping reported that the fees charged by the Orange County Sanitation District (OCSD) for disposing of septic tank contents will be going up each year for the next five years. Geoff will check with OCSD.

## **VI. Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned at 8:38pm.

**\*\*\* The next ICL meeting will be held December 4, 2018 at the Silverado Community Center \*\*\***