Inter Canyon League Minutes of the General Meeting

Tuesday, August 6, 2019 at 7:00 PM Modjeska Community Center

I. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 7:02pm by President Sarkissian.

II. General Announcements

It was suggested that any excess produce not exchanged this evening be given to Janet Lang for the Silverado Lunch Bunch.

III. Director Reports

a. President---Geoffrey Sarkissian

Geoff brought some of his home-grown Asian pears, late oranges, and warm-weather apples to share. He also performed his "Committees of the ICL" song as a reminder that the Inter-Canyon League works through committees, enabling people to do whatever they'd do anyway (emergency preparation, country fair, library, etc.) for the community.

In response to Geoff's letter asking about canyon bridge replacement, Orange County Public Works Director Shane Silsby wrote that there will be a "public process" for bridge design, but there are limits to flexibility.

b. Vice President---Dion Sorrell

One obstacle to establishing a local broadcast radio station, potentially useful in emergencies, is that no new frequencies are available. Dion hopes that mentioning the Paradise fire as something to avoid here will lead to a change.

A Shakespeare acting workshop for junior/senior high schoolers is planned for August 17. The Modjeska Foundation will hold an event for members the morning of August 28, with a performance open to the public in the afternoon. More information is online.

c. Secretary---Scott Breeden

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

d. Treasurer---Francesca Duff

The largest transaction last month was \$2,611 donated for the History Committee. The financial report was approved 4-0.

IV. Advisory Committee Reports

a. Canyon Watch / Fire Watch---Emily Graham, Connie Nelson

Connie reported that the recent Canyon Watch potluck and slide show about the 2007 fire was successful. Bic Edwards volunteered to be the next Silverado patrol scheduler, with husband Keith helping with the radio repeater.

For Modjeska, Emily and Danny said that they follow the Irvine Ranch Conservancy patrols, watching from Cook's Corner to Jackson Ranch Road. Volunteers should not confront people: call 911 if needed.

For increased visibility, Geoff wondered about putting flashing lights on cars. Cle Robinson said that he was told that was not allowed on moving cars. Danny Graham favored something reflective. Fran Williams said that magnetic signs do not work on some cars. Portable dash cams were considered good. Patrol bags could also contain a radio. Old Verizon cell phones without calling plans can supposedly still be used to call 911.

b. Country Fair---Jane Bove

The fair will run from 9am to 9pm for two days. Geoff called this ICL's main fundraiser; about \$3,500 to \$4,000 is needed each year. ICL will sell beer and wine again, and Geoff said there is nothing easier to sell. The fair committee will also be seeking volunteers for setup help with the stage, jail, bar, decorations, lighting, and Wi-Fi.

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

Joanne reported that the Orange County Fire Authority called Modjeska's emergency status door hangers a "great tool." Silverado needs some to give out. Joanne also had a good meeting with new Supervisor Don Wagner, and she said that the next Fire and Ice presentation will be September 19.

Geoff described some generator options for power outages. For plugging in "favorite appliances," \$120 1,000-watt models run 4-6 hours on a gallon of gas. "Whole house" units generating 7,500 watts and costing \$4,775 or more might require an electrician to install, though Susan Hardy said she paid \$3,000 total for hers.

ICL owns a generator which has never been used, so Geoff would like to get rid of it. Connie said it is propane-powered. Phil McWilliams, who obtained grant money for it originally, believes ICL can sell or donate it. Could the park district use it?

d. Friends of the Library---Fran Williams

The 90th anniversary celebration was successful, as was the Wild Wonders presentation when around 90 people showed up to see live animals at the library. The Friends contributed money for restoring some deteriorated Cal State Fullerton oral history project CDs and DVDs. A book club meets Wednesdays, and the library would like more musical events.

e. History---Melody McWilliams

The committee could use some help with digitizing documents.

f. Communications---Francesca Duff, Dion Sorrell

No report.

g. Land Use---Scott Breeden

No report.

V. New Business & More Brainstorming

a. Traffic safety and Cook's Corner

ICL will not speak at Cook's. Francesca Duff said bicycles are also a problem.

b. Mail & package delivery in the canyons---Greg Bates

FedEx packages are not always delivered. Apparently they can come from three different offices. Joanne will try to find out what the problem is. The Silverado market will reportedly have Amazon package lockers.

c. Future meeting ideas

None suggested.

VI. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 8:08pm.

*** The next ICL meeting will be held September 3, 2019 at the Silverado Community Center ***