

**Inter Canyon League
Minutes of the General Meeting
Tuesday, November 5, 2019 at 7:00 PM Silverado Community Center**

I. Call to Order

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

II. General Announcements

Connie Nelson said that Canyon Watch still needs block captains in Silverado.

III. Special Presentation: 2020 Census—Ann Hwu, Census Partner Specialist

The census determines Congressional representation as well as funding for things like schools and fire protection. Census jobs are available—1,000 in Orange County, with local residents preferred. Minimum age is 18 by next April. See the web site for more information.

IV. Director Reports

a. President---Geoffrey Sarkissian

No report.

b. Vice President---Dion Sorrell

The October 19 Shakespeare performance at the Modjeska House was a success. Many of the 200 attendees had never seen Shakespeare performed before. Fundraising is planned for sending the actors to Poland (Mme. Modjeska's birthplace), and it is hoped that the Modjeska Foundation in Poland will be able to come here sometime as well.

c. Secretary---Scott Breeden

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

d. Treasurer---Francesca Duff

ICL membership dues are \$5 annually: that plus attendance at three meetings allows local residents to vote in January's board of directors election.

ICL beverage sales at the Silverado Country Fair were about \$10,000. After \$2,000 in expenses, that leaves about \$4,000 for annual insurance payments and \$4,000 for other purposes. The month's financial report was approved 4-0.

V. Advisory Committee Reports

a. Country Fair---Jane Bove

Jane reported fair income of about \$24,000, double that of last year (when it rained), and expenses of about \$11,000. Many people helped. Jane submitted the committee's recommendation for dividing up the profit; a vote was deferred to next month.

b. Canyon Watch / Fire Watch---Anthony Mack, Emily Graham

During the recent Red Flag event, cell phones quit working and fire stations needed to use radios in some places (not necessarily the canyons). Even some copper wire phones seemed to be affected. Cox Cable reportedly was not informed of the planned power shutoff, but they sent someone to Modjeska to evaluate where generators should be placed for future blackouts. They were said to be committed to making things go smoother time.

Anthony would have liked more responses to a recent GMRS radio "roll call." Some good news for anyone interested in radios: apparently a model of the right type costing only \$30 is now available. Block captains, though, ought to have the better units costing \$150.

Ideally there should be about 10 block captains per main canyon, so Canyon Watch would be very grateful for \$3,000 to spend on radios (for Silverado, Williams, and Modjeska). Individual GMRS licenses are \$70 each, but ICL might be able to obtain a business license for \$1,600. A motion to approve spending that much for such a license passed 4-0.

The ICL web site should have a page with links to radio information.

ICL's now-portable generator was used during the recent power outage to aid one resident.

In case of roadblocks, people should carry a utility bill with them showing proof of residence.

c. Emergency Preparedness---Joanne Hubble

No report.

d. Land Use---Scott Breeden

OC Public Works sponsored a community meeting October 29 to solicit opinion about the design of the replacement Ladd Canyon bridge planned for Silverado. People could also comment and vote via a web site. Some residents were concerned about having only one lane open for nine months, especially during emergencies like fire.

The county Board of Supervisors will vote December 17 on approving ordinances implementing a new septic tank Local Area Management Program (LAMP).

Art Tello and Pat Buttress from OC Supervisor Don Wagner's office addressed street light complaints. Recently replaced utility pole lights seem too bright, including two that were completely off for decades (and which residents liked that way). Art and Pat also noticed the brightness. Pat also used to work for Southern California Edison (SCE).

Light replacement was driven by new requirements to use LED lights to save energy. SCE seems to have chosen LED lights that are brighter and/or a different color than the old lights. Connie Nelson asked about Palomar lighting rules, and said that shields on replacement lights are inadequate. Could lights be filtered? Pam Ragland brought up lighting zones and animals.

Pat said that the Supervisor's office could try to work with SCE on improvements, but she also recommended addressing concerns (like being able to see the stars) to the president and his/her top paid assistant at the California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC).

e. Santa's Helpers---Pam Rass

This annual program is a way for canyon residents to benefit their neighbors who could use a little extra financial help during the holiday season. Donations can be made, and recipients nominated, by going to the ICL web site.

f. Friends of the Library---Fran Williams

Melody McWilliams reported that FOL earned about \$2,000 at their Country Fair boutique.

g. History---Melody McWilliams

Melody and Phil McWilliams are working on a grant application for archive work.

h. Communications---Francesca Duff, Dion Sorrell

No report.

VI. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 8:30pm.

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