

Board Members Present:

Terri Bailey, Glenn Borland [chair], Steve Clark, Donna Dose, George Evangelou, Brenda Fromlath, Bruce Graves, Sue Hanson, Rosemary Johnston, Michael Pique, Yvonne Vaucher, Michael Walsh.

Board Members Absent:

Heather Beer, Robert Carlyle, Elizabeth Getzoff.

The PMPO Board Meeting was called to order at 10:32 AM at the Palomar Mountain Fire Department, by Glenn Borland, chair. A quorum of Board members was present.

Acting Treasurer George Evangelou sent a written report: our current combined checking and savings account balance is \$42,864.75. Secretary Michael Pique presented the minutes of the November 14, 2015 meeting. The minutes were approved with addition of the treasurer's report and that Terri Sproul had suggested creating a Palomar new-resident welcome packet.

Old Business

Fire Safe Council (FSC):

New FSC Chair Yvonne Vaucher says the newly reactivated Council is meeting monthly with Mike Wilson as vice-chair, Gina Aven as treasurer, Cecelia Borland as secretary, and Bonnie Phelps, Terri Sproul, and Michael Pique as members-at-large. Yvonne says they are making progress on reinstating the Council's not-for-profit status, hoping to file the back tax returns by the end of February. They have applied for a California SRA grant for neighborhood chipping, and are awaiting word on US Forest Service funding for clearing of private land beyond the 100' defensible space. Cecelia Borland is organizing a local class on the Wildland-Urban Interface, on "thinking like a fire fighter".

Terri Sproul is posting the FSC meeting schedule next to the post office on the new bulletin board, built jointly by the Community Center and the PMPO.

Easement Project:

Bonnie Phelps reviewed the good news that a volunteer intern at the San Diego county offices turned up some key assessor's maps from the 1920-1935 era, that referenced Board of Supervisor records. Because of these maps and records, the county has issued an official letter that legally recognizes the road easements shown on Assessor's Maps 9 and 11: areas of Crestline west and north of the Lodge out to Doctor's Pond and the pipeline road. Map 19, the east end of Crestline and Birch Hill, still needs a letter, but no record of Board of Supervisor action approving that map has turned up yet. Sue Hanson quoted John Blake as saying that if you plot every parcel, they don't fit in the overall space.

Steve Clark asked whether title insurance would now guarantee your cabin, for instance, is really on your property. Bonnie said no, that is still a separate matter and not part of the title report.

Observatory Outreach Program:

Steve Flanders, the Palomar Observatory community outreach representative, wants to set up a half-day program just for the Palomar community, in late April or mid May. Terri Sproul and Sue Hanson offered to help manage an RSVP "guest list" for the event. Later in the year, he hopes to organize a Star Party in cooperation with the Community Center.

Community Center of Palomar Mountain (CCPM):

Terri Bailey said the CCPM is requesting \$300 for a metal sign and installation. Michael Walsh moved the PMPO fund this, Brenda Fromlath seconded, approved.

Palomar Mountain State Park:

Rosemary Johnston says the State Park is looking for an interpretive specialist, the position to be funded by the "Friends of the Palomar Mountain State Park".

New Business:

PMPO Newsletter:

Brenda Fromlath says people need to get their articles in by April 1 at the absolute latest. Articles are still needed about the Fire Safe Council, the Observatory, the Fire Department, and the State Park.

Free Chipping:

Michael Pique invited residents to sign up for free brush chipping by calling the Palomar Mountain Fire Department at (760) 742-4527 or by emailing chip@palomar-fire.org . The next chipping will be done in late April.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:45 AM.

Next board meeting is on May 28, immediately following the annual general meeting.

Michael Pique, Secretary (email: secretary@pmpoinfo.com)

Minutes approved by PMPO board September 3, 2016