

Save Our Trails!



Promoting trails in Santa Clara County for the benefit and enjoyment of all

Minutes

Board Meeting

Monday, May 19, 2014

Dwell Christian Church

1292 Minnesota Ave San Jose, CA 95125

ADMINISTRATION

The meeting was called to order at 7:11 pm.

Attendance

Directors in Attendance: Martin Delson, Jack Nadeau, Mary-Ellen Petrich, Richard Silva, Bertha Ward making a quorum.

Directors Absent: Bill Rankin (excused), Joan Bohnett (excused)

Members in Attendance: Larry Ames

Visitors in Attendance: Krina Desai of Councilmember Pierluigi Oliverio's office

Invited Speakers: None

Minutes

Minutes of 3/17, 3/24, and 4/21 were approved by a vote of 4 to 1.

REPORTS

Treasurers Report

As of 5/19/2014, SOT has a balance of \$2,765, including \$1,297 with the SJ Parks Foundation.

Report on income and outgo for April 1, 2013 to May 10, 2012

Income

Donations	\$303
Membership	\$465
T-shirt sales	\$70
<u>Total</u>	<u>\$838</u>

Expenses

Bank Charges	\$4
Food	\$120
Room donation	\$570
<u>Total</u>	<u>\$693</u>
Result Income of	\$145

Membership

Voting members 2013 = 37

Voting members 2014 = 25

Associate members 2014 = 157

Facebook contacts = 184

Twitter contacts = 162

Members resigned last year = 5

Members who haven't renewed = 7

NEW ISSUES

The group reviewed half of the list of recommended projects from the annual meeting.

- Letters of support
- Trail count
- Advocate with state officials for \$
- Eastern alignment
- Sharks
- Los Gatos Creek Trail connection
- Advocate with local officials for \$
- Educate and advocate OSA ballot measure
- Trash cans on trail ; poop bags & dispensers
- Research trash removal
- Graffiti removal

Comments from board members included:

A suggestion that the board should get more members and build more partnerships,

Disagreement on whether to participate in the trail count,

A suggestion that we should partner with other groups such as the Friends of the Five Wounds Trail,

Jack offered to liaison with Larry about the Open Space Authority ballot,

Jack recommended watching the recent San Jose Mayoral debate that took place in Willow Glen,

Someone remarked that Bill had expressed an interest in trash cans near trails,

Two board members noted that there are already poop bag dispensers recently installed on the trail, including one north of Willow on the trail.

Mary-Ellen offered to send out info on who to contact at the city about graffiti. See action items.

Martin volunteered to look at agendas of city and county agencies for upcoming meetings about trail issues. See action items.

Martin volunteered to liaison with Yves about getting a San Jose trail on the national Bike Trail map. See action items.

Jack presented a handout from the Open Space Authority on the Santa Clara County Greenprint. He pointed out the references to trails in the brochure. Jack also alerted the group to a recent article in the Willow Glen Resident about a parks fund that has money for projects. Mentioned in the article were Carol Rosen and Helen Chapman.

Yves Zsutty alerted SOT about a small grant available to non-profits from California Trails and Greenways Foundation. See <http://www.ctgf.org/grants/>. Grant applications posted May 1, 2014, due Sept 30, 2014. Grants have been between \$500 and \$5000, with \$800-\$1000 being most common. Larry offered to brainstorm ideas that would be useful projects.

A letter was received from Jean Dresden on April 4, 2014 detailing what steps we can take to renew two parks rangers. Mary Ellen offered to write letters to send to city councilmembers. See action items.

Martin asked if we need to implement committees again. The group decided to have a committee meeting to decide whether to have committees. Martin offered to coordinate schedules.

Bertha and Larry discussed possible funding from Google related to trails. Larry and Bertha offered to research the situation. See action items.

The group voted on business cards for board president, Bill Rankin. The board unanimously approved the purchase of 100 cards at a cost of \$45.98. Mary-ellen and Martin offered to split the cost of 100 generic cards for other board members.

Bill requested permission to speak as the president of Save Our Trails at a San Jose City Council meeting regarding extending the Guadalupe trail, as described in the letter written and mailed to the council. The board approved this motion unanimously.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 8:54 pm.

No.	Date	Who	Action	Due
216	2/17/14	Mary Ellen	Convene committee meeting with Joan to work on suggestions for SOT long-range plans.	2/28/14
217	5/19/14	Jack	Liaison with Larry about the Open Space Authority ballot	6/20/14
218	5/19/14	Mary Ellen	Advertise all methods for reporting graffiti to the board	5/22/14
219	5/19/14	Martin	Monitor local government and agency agendas for items related to trails.	ongoing
220	5/19/14	Martin	Liaison with Yves about getting a San Jose trail on the national Bike Trail map.	10/1/14
221	5/19/14	Larry/Mary-ellen	Small grant available to non-profits from California Trails and Greenways Foundation. See http://www.ctgf.org/grants/ . Grant applications due 9/30/2014. Grants have been between \$500 and \$5000, with \$800-\$1000 being most common. Larry offered to brainstorm ideas that would be useful projects.	6/15/14
222	5/19/14	Mary Ellen	Write letters to city council people about park rangers	6/1/14
223	5/19/14	Bill	Speak at a city council meeting supporting daylighting of trail	5/20/14
224	5/19/14	Bertha & Larry	Research possible funding from large companies such as Google.	7/20/14