

pGCHNA STEERING COMMITTEE MINUTES - FEBRUARY 5, 2018  
Madelyn Helling Library Community Room, Nevada City 7pm - 8:30pm

Attendees: Ellen Hagan, Christy Barden, Beth Enoch, Susan Wiesner, Nancy Paulson, Ken Brown, Terry Wagner, Elissa Preston, Debbie Wandro, Bill Holman, Gena Buschmann - a quorum

Susan opened the meeting. The agenda was approved. The minutes were amended with corrections to the 2018 calendar. Steering Committee meeting dates are: Feb. 5, April 2, August 6, October 1, and Dec 3. The membership meeting will be Oct. 1.

#### Treasurer's report

Susan reported our balance of \$5986. She provided us with a 2017 Statement of Revenues and Expenses and a 2018 Proposed Budget. Changes include an increase in member dues given that we hope to have more members and a decrease in the event allocation given that we will not have a picnic this year. The proposed budget was accepted unanimously. A yearly audit will be done by Susan, Uli, and Nancy.

#### Neighborhood Reps

Nancy made us aware of a mud slide on Wet Hill. She was contacted by Susie who is concerned that an NID ditch is leaking. The County is involved scooping dirt away. What support might we give? More information is needed. Nancy also reported on a possible home break-in attempt on Elliot Way. Terry reported on the mail theft on Indian Flat. The man who is believed to be responsible will be prosecuted.

#### Committee Reports

Newsletter - The winter newsletter delivered in mid Jan. included a form asking members to calculate and send Beth their defensible space contributions. She's already received responses. Incorrect meeting dates were published and will need to be corrected in April's newsletter. Other articles for the April newsletter would include: Uli's message, the budget, membership list, Candidates' Night announcement, notification that there will be no picnic, but a Firewise Community event instead, and other appropriate articles taken from Firesafe Council Coalition publications. Ellen will try to scan and use the Firesafe Council

materials Beth provides. She'll invite Sierra Streams to update their work at Hirschman's Pond.

Membership - Dues continue to come in. Nancy Paulson is collecting checks from the mailbox. 95 members so far.

Propane - After May 1, Eve and Ellen will provide Ferrellgas with both a paper and Excel membership list and try to impress upon them that it's important that only GCHNA members receive the discount.

Events - Eileen Jorgensen has been working with the Champion Mine and Lake Vera neighborhood groups to organize a Candidates' Night for Sheriff's candidates. It will be May 9, 7pm, at the Madelyn Helling Library Community Room. The League of Women Voters will moderate. We'll publicize the event through the newsletter and an email blast.

Beth has volunteered GCHNA to be part of a Firesafe Education event in June. Experts will use properties in the Cement Hill neighborhood to educate attendees about fire concerns and preventive measures.

Firewise Community - Beth reminded us about the Sierra Streams 3 year fuels reduction program at Hirschman's Pond. Most 6" trees will be removed, Scotch Broom will be pulled, and native plants planted. Work parties have begun and GCHNA has been invited to send participants. The Steering Committee agreed that we should forward the requests for help to our members in an email blast. It was agreed that Beth would provide refreshments and be reimbursed by GCHNA. Should we announce FireSafe Council educational events with email blasts? This needs to be discussed further.

Gena mentioned that she had discussed with Joann Drummond the possibility of the County providing maintenance to private roads. She'll look into it further and get back to us.

Ken is concerned about potential problems with tree branches close to wires. Is there more that we can do to require PG& E to do a better job? Contacting them by email would create a paper trail.

Joanne Brown produced a disaster preparedness list and will allow us to reproduce it for our community. Beth will make copies.

The next meeting is April 2, 7pm, at the Helling Library.

Ellen Hagan, Secretary