

## **GCHNA Steering Committee Minutes**

November 4, 2019 Madelyn Helling Library 7:00 - 8:30pm

**Attendees:** Ellen Hagan, Susan Wiesner, Nancy Paulson, Debbie Wandro, Gregg Dwight, Allison Miller, Beth Enoch, Christy Barden, Bill Holman, Terry Wagner, Jeff Coleman-Hunt, Sue Gregory, Uli Paulin, Pascale Fusshoeller - a quorum

Uli called the meeting to order. After introductions and approval of the agenda and minutes, the effects of the recent power outages were discussed. Each person shared their experience and insights. Ideas included people feeling isolated, people sharing resources, communication problems, PG&E inefficiency, concern that without water there's no way for the property owner to fight a fire, and how we've learned now how better to be prepared.

Pascale Fusshoeller from Yuba Net which is an important link to local information spoke about her experience with the outage. Communication problems included difficulties with some cell towers and some att lines being down. Batteries went dead and att brought in generators to recharge them. Pascale gave emergency broadcasts through KVMR.

She commented about the exceptional response from firefighters to keep the Dorsey Drive fire from spreading further than the 38 acres it burned. She encouraged us to attend a Town Hall meeting at the GV Vets Hall Fri. 11/8 where many agencies will be represented to discuss how the community can better cope with future outages. She encouraged us to write to the CPUC (C...P..Utilities Commission) with complaints and concerns. If you have a loss, 211 has a form to facilitate the process of making a claim.

Pascale suggested that GCHNA encourage neighbors to communicate with one another, be aware of vulnerable neighbors, and share resources. Make sure your address is on the PG&E outage map. Usage time is an issue. We can try to use power at non-peak times.

An idea of local control of our power was discussed. A joint powers agreement with NID and other agencies might be possible. More information is needed for further discussion.

**Treasurer's report** - Susan reported a balance of \$7732.

**2020 Meeting Dates** were discussed. The following dates were agreed upon for regular meetings: Jan. 6, March 2, May 4, July 6, Nov. 2.

Susan will schedule these dates with the Library. There will be an annual meeting with elections on Sunday afternoon, Sept 20.

A **newsletter** will go out in January. Articles should be submitted to Ellen in mid December.

The next Steering Committee meeting will be Jan. 6 at the Madelyn Helling Library Community Room at 7pm.

Respectfully submitted,  
Ellen Hagan, Secretary