

Big Sur Grange #742 - Meeting Minutes

May 6, 2025

7:00 pm

Opening of the Grange: 7:01pm

Roll Call:

Officers: Kendra Morgenrath, Jaci Pappas, Martha Karstens, Peggy Goodale, Bruce Merchant, Jessica Koning,

Members: Jolinda Matthews, Jenny Buckland, Sean Sweeney

Approve Minutes:

- Jaci requested the correction: Jaci will take the first shift on Saturday. As she will not be available for Sunday and Monday.
- Motion with corrections made by Peggy, Jaci seconds. Unanimous approval.

Good of the Order:

- Recap of the softball game: Great game Grangers came up short 11 to 10 vs the Outlaws.
- Kendra shared good news: she is getting married. Congratulations to Kendra and Matt!

New Business:

- Marathon Grant
 - We need to know what we are asking for the Marathon Grant. Jaci is suggesting that money can be set aside for the basement mold and humidity remediation project and to ask for \$4,000. Last year we asked for the internet and in 2023 the request was for the basement mold and humidity remediation project. The Marathon Grant for 2025 will request \$4,000 for the basement mold and humidity remediation project.
- Ants
 - Kendra noted an ant infestation around the heat box. Jessica found three ants near the sugar bowl. Jessica addressed the ant issue during the meeting.
- *Big Sur: The Way It Was* Documentary at the Grange
 - Jolinda proposed the Grange sponsor the showing of the documentary as it was well attended at the recent showing at the Middlebury Institute in town. Jolinda suggested an early afternoon and evening showing on the same day to optimize attendance and use of resources. A suggestion for a potluck between showings was added. Kendra suggested Jolinda email Jerilyn to further this possibility.

Old Business:

- AED

- Kendra to check after the meeting.

- Rental Committee Report:

- Shelly, new Rental Manager, and Jaci meet on Friday to discuss the job and walk through the building. They had the opportunity to do an actual “walk through” for a memorial scheduled soon. The particular renter had lots of questions, which was super helpful.
 - Jaci noted the Opening, Closing and Clean up plan need some refreshing as the current verbiage refers to Covid. These lists need to be revised.
 - Jaci couldn't find the Bona to clean the floors. Jessica confirmed the cleaning products are here and reminded all that Bona is bought in bulk and is stored in the closets inside the storage room..
 - Peggy said the kitchen door was open on Saturday morning and there were lots of clean dishes in the dish rack. Jessica cleaned up a lot of mats in the back. The ballet bar was on the floor and has been picked up by Jessica.
 - The Dance Class has been paying \$18 per hour for Fridays as a subsidized rate. Previously, their rate was \$25 per hour. Jaci reports there will need to be a new rate offered that is higher due to utility costs. Jaci says we are often over peak on Friday and on Saturday events. The Dance Class has an understanding that the rental may increase every year. Jaci made a motion to increase Dance Class to \$26 per hour. Second by Peggy. Unanimous approval.
 - The Stage Kids pay for eight hours a day, for days a week, and on Fridays twelve hours. Stage Kids are aware they will be charged more as there is no subsidy for rental fees this year. Kendra will do a little research into what the Stage Kids previously were charged to provide a context for Jaci to access a new rate..

- House Next to the Grange is On the Market

- There will be a tour on this Thursday May 8th with a few cars parked as part of the tours.
 - Suggestions for good signage along the stone fence as this is the property line. The current owners have occasionally used the Grange property for parking. It was agreed that signage can emphasize the stone wall as the property line. Jenny and Jessica will hang the yellow tape and place sawhorses with signs that say private property to mark the property line for the tour on Thursday, May 8.

- Nightlife Exhibition April 18-23

- Sean shared reflections on the Exhibition. Attendance was pretty consistent each day at 50 people. 451 total people wandered through for the events. Each event had its own feeling and identity. There are talks of doing this every year. Sean shared it was really lovely to witness the sharing of talents. Sean reflected on how just turning off the lights transformed the space.

- Peggy asked about the sponsorships money collected and the \$246 collected from the Redbox. There was no rent charged as this was the Grange sponsored event. Sean commented that lots of tourists asked how they could support the Grange. Sean suggested these folks place funds in the Redbox. A further suggestion from Sean is to add a VENMO or QR Code on the Redbox to offer folks the opportunity to donate later or when they do not have cash. Sean noted the Exhibition did not have the sponsors to get the event going. There were costs including: the flashlights, photos, and promotional expenses. So the sponsors were important.
- Peery and Sean are moving from Big Sur. Sean is still excited to see what will happen in the future. Kendra will follow up to find insights and learnings from this event for next year.

Lecture:

- No report.

Steward Report:

- This report was sent out with the minutes.
- Jaci noted the drains were \$6,900 to fix. The company gave us \$4,924 write off as \$6,280 was the cost of the materials alone for the project.
- Thanks to John for putting in a new sink and sup pump, cover and filter.
- Clorox wipes should be placed in each bathroom.
- New projects: Kitchen Blinds: The woodpeckers attack the kitchen windows. Curtains, cat or butterfly decals, or some alternative window covering can be researched. Peggy looked into kitchen window coverings. Peggy reported toothpick shades would cost \$3,200. Alternative coverings could be possible. Bruce volunteered to install window coverings for the kitchen. There is a new subcommittee of Peggy, Bruce and Jenny to work on window covering solutions.

Chaplain:

- Members will need to remove the drape from The Charter for Clovis after the meeting.
- Reflection from Bruce that his allergies have kicked into high gear.
- Bruce shared the poem *The Things I Love* by Scottie McKenzie Frasier

Membership:

- No new complete applications.

Communication:

- Letter from Sean thanking the Grange for sponsoring the Nightlife Exhibition.
- Letter from the California Public Utility Commission regarding the submission of the Grange's comments on telephone lines in Big Sur.

Treasurer Report:

- Jaci spent a lot of money last month. The Grange received \$1,388 from rentals. GoDaddy has increased their fees and we may want to look at other options. Jaci reported lots of money spent on the building for the doors, concrete slab, furnace repair, septic system, and for the drain. There was a \$35.00 payment for stop payment on the check. Jaci reported \$25,000 in the checking account, we have money in reserves. The Bake Sale is around the corner as a revenue generator.

Uncle Frank's Funnies: Jaci shared a funny story.

Closing of the Grange: Jaci motions to close. Peggy 2nds. Meeting closed at 8:13pm.

Minutes prepared by Jolinda Matthews, Grange Member