

MVCSO
Montezuma Valley Volunteer Community Service
Organization

Board Meeting Minutes
January 21, 2025

7951. Grant
32,983.96 Bank

Attendees:

Bonnie L. Smith, President
Dave Weisgerber, Board Member
Shane Slee, Board Member
Tim Leach, Board Member

11,879.00 Historical

Absent:

Patty Miller, Treasurer

Bonnie called meeting to order at 6PM.

In Patty's absence, Bonnie gave Treasurer's report based on December's numbers: \$33,539.86 in main account \$7,951.00 in grant account, \$11,879.00 in historical society account, total ~~\$53,369.86~~. Total cash donations from the Christmas party received was \$523.00 and a check donation of \$100.00 totaling \$623.00. Expenses of \$777.62 which includes all food, adult and kids gifts, plus the tables that were purchased for \$521.83, totals \$1,299.45. The board agreed that \$523.00 of the cash can be reimbursed to Bonnie and a check in the amount of \$776.45 can be written out to Bonnie for full reimbursement.

A member of our community, Jamie Lee Beals Ketelsen, has requested from Shane a copy of the by-laws. She was directed to contact Bonnie. Instead, she contacted Patty for such. Discussion ensued on how to handle such requests. While the board does not legally have to provide a copy of the by-laws, the board agreed that there will be a procedure for providing such. A written request will need to be received by the board from the person wanting them and the board will prepare a water-marked copy and send them via certified mail within a reasonable amount of time. A watermark will prevent anyone from changing the by-laws and publishing a fraudulent version on social media. Dave motioned, Tim second, the above procedure was approved.

The board agreed that 1 week prior to our February meeting we will publish and post our meeting phone number for the public to call in. All persons calling in will have to have a visible phone number and identify who they are. Should they not unblock their number and/or tell us who they are, they will be removed from the call-in meeting.

The board was advised that during Feeding San Diego's last mobile pantry distribution, the fire department from Borrego Springs life flighted out a patient. The pilot landed so close to our containers that all of the volunteers and food got covered in dust. I discussed this with the paramedics after the patient was flown out as there is an entire 10 acres they could have landed. I spoke with our fire staff at #58 and it has been suggested that we mow an area farther Northwest of our containers and make a circular area for the helicopter pilots to land. The staff will contact Mercy Air once this is done and notify them of the proper location to land in the future.

Dave motioned and Shane second that the board will pay Tim \$300 to mow the lot and plot out a circular area for future landings, board approved.

Bonnie advised that she is researching the state's Land Use Agreement procedure in hopes of being able to get reimbursed for every time our vacant lot is used for staging by the government. This could help us pay for maintenance of the lot. More information will follow at the February meeting.

Bonnie has been advised that in the past Lease Road was considered a fire road easement and that the county/state needs to maintain for emergency vehicles. She will be contacting Cal Fire to locate the proper easement appointed contact person and will see what she can find out.

This past Saturday, CERT, Community Emergency Response Team, held a pop-up event at our fire station #58. 12 members of our community came to learn more about disaster preparedness and 10 received free rolling duffle bags for their "go bag" in an emergency. The County will be doing 3 additional pop-up events, next one in April, then July and last one in October. All events will have free giveaways for the go bags.

Dave motioned, Shane second.

Meeting adjourned at 6:30pm

Prepared by: Bonnie L. Smith, President/Secretary