

Palomar Estates West Resident Association

Board meeting Minutes – February 7, 2023

Call to order:

The PEWRA board meeting was called to order by the Vice President, Cathie Byrd at 6:30 pm, Tuesday February 7, 2023.

In attendance: Cathie Byrd, Vice-President / Michael Wilkinson, Treasurer / Jo Gehringer, Secretary / Dita Kemp / Garry Larson/ Katie Rodriguez.

In Absentia: Tricia Spears, President

Review of Minutes: Minutes of previous meeting were provided to Board and management team. Motion to approve by Cathie Byrd and seconded by Garry Larson. Unanimous vote for approval by present board members. Minutes to be added to website and posted in card room for resident view.

Treasurer Report: Jan 2023

Checking Account

Beginning Balance	\$ 5232.21
Deposits	\$ 1942.00
Disbursements	\$ 1356.71
Ending Balance	\$ 5817.50

Savings Account

Beginning Balance	\$ 8028.16
Deposits	\$ 0.06
Disbursements	\$ 0.00
Ending Balance	\$ 8028.22

Submitted and placed on file for audit

Breakfast Club report: Jan 2023

Beginning Balance	\$ 1749.88
Deposits	\$ 00.00
Disbursements	\$ 556.27
Ending Balance	\$ 1193.61

Social Connection Report: Jan 2023

Beginning Balance	\$ 682.24
Deposits	\$ 1445.00
Disbursements	\$ 0.00
Ending Balance	\$ 2127.24

Management Report:

- Park Management Report: deferred this month (Homes listed, in escrow, sold, Viewpoint fencing, signage)
- Haven Management report: financial operating report for six months ending 12/31/22 submitted. EDCO route supervisor was contacted regarding oil spillage and need for correction by disposal company. If issue continues, Haven Mgt will escalate concerns to appropriate parties. Continuing communication with SDG&E regarding painting or refurbishing Utility boxes. Mgt. requests that in the interim, residents do NOT paint or alter the boxes themselves.

OLD BUSINESS:

- Toys 4 Tots Holiday Drive was very successful with 6 large bags of toys delivered to local charities. Thanks to Bob & Pat Taylor for coordinating the collection.
- SDG&E Utility boxes – Haven Mgt. continues to be in contact with SDG&E. Also requests that residents not paint or alter the boxes.
- Hilltopper editors – Several volunteers have stepped forward to assist in the Hilltopper production. Mary Wallace stated the intent is to create a ‘team’ of editors to complete the process so that the work is divided and not burdensome to only one or two editors.
- Pool Furniture – Per Haven Mgt. the furniture was shipped on February 3 and is enroute with an expected delivery date in late Feb.

NEW BUSINESS:

- Disposal Dumpster – scheduled for April 15,2023. Board is requesting volunteers to form a committee to deal with the operational logistics i.e., resident only use, size of items to be dumped, NO hazardous materials, possible pickup for residents with mobility difficulties, etc.
- Fence on Viewpoint - work on completion of fence continues. Resident questioned use of wood vs. vinyl material and Haven Mgt. informed that wood was authorized by Millennium.
- EDCO – oil spillage by disposal company. As addressed in Haven Mgt report (above)
- PEWRA residents’ dues – Payment of \$5 annual dues allows resident household to vote on park initiatives that require the approval of residents and to vote in elections for future board members.
- PEWRA Board members- 2023/2024. There will be 4 open positions this year. Residents who are interested in submitting their resume for consideration should contact Tricia Spears.
- Garden Club – request for planters at Gazebo, Club members will be asked to submit details regarding size, cost, etc. for further consideration.
- Mexican Train equipment request. – Board announced it is planning to review all requests for funding for clubs, activities, one-time requests, wish list projects, etc. in anticipation of developing budget for the next fiscal year.

- 2023/2024 Wish List – residents were asked that if they have requests for topics to be considered for the Wish List (management) that these be submitted by 2/28 and be as detailed as possible.
- Pew resident assistance for food bank supplies – Merlin Chancellor updated resident on progress in creating a ‘food pantry’ which would house canned goods and other nonperishable food supplies.
- Handyman referral/contacts – presentation by Garry Larson regarding creation of directory of reputable and referenced contractors, handymen and workmen. Spoke to the difference between ‘licensed contractor’ and ‘handyman’, the advantage of obtaining bids,, when to use a written contract, etc. A directory will be completed and placed on PEWRA Board desk in game room for reference by residents.
- POLST (Physician Orders for Life Sustaining Treatment)- presentation by Jo Gehringer regarding POLST forms used to provide information to emergency responders or health care providers regarding resident choices in emergency care concerning CPR and medically assisted nutrition. Form must be obtained from a physician and signed by physician to be effective and does not replace an advanced directive. Copies of the form and an FAQ sheet provided to residents at meeting.
- Don’t waste your money! – presentation by Michael Wilkins discussed advantages of using streaming internet service like T-Mobile (which includes free Netflix) instead of using wired cable (and bundling) through ATT, Cox and Spectrum. Buying programming individually, like YouTube TV offers a choice without a contract. Also provided information regarding cost saving programs offered by SDG&E, particularly programs for low-income customers based on yearly income and not inclusive of savings and addressed prescription drug programs such as ‘Amazon pharmacy’, ‘GoodRX’ and new plan developed by Mark Cuban titled ‘CostPlus’.

Resident Comments/Questions:

- Several residents questioned how to request funding for activities and/or special requests. Among questions were garden club planters, dog park supplies, game club supplies, library funding etc. Melissa Szilagyl, who has volunteered to become the community ‘librarian’ spoke to her efforts at culling old, outdated, decrepit books, reorganizing the library shelves and possibly periodically purchasing new publications and subscribing to a few magazines for library users to enjoy.
PEWRA Board announced it is planning to review all requests for funding for clubs, activities, one-time requests, wish list projects, etc. in anticipation of developing budget for the next fiscal year. If residents are aware of a need to be listed for review, they should provide information to the PEWRA board.
- Resident asked about ‘tow away’ signage and was informed that the corrected signs have been posted at park entrances.

- Resident presented 'Vial of Life' folders that can contain pertinent medical information for emergency responders such as list of physicians, medication lists, etc. and asked Board to consider one time cost to purchase and distribute to all households.
- Resident announced that effective April 1st, San Marcos will begin to utilize additional energy provider, CEA (Clean Energy Alliance). This is an opt in/opt out program and information is being distributed by both SDG&E and CEA to San Marcos residents.
- Residents complimented new Social Signage at entrances and also thanked the PEWRA Board, Park Management and Haven Management for dedication to maintaining and improving our community. (You are most welcome!)

Next meeting is scheduled for March 7, 2023

Meeting adjourned at 7:45 PM by Cathie Byrd, PEWRA Board Member

Respectfully submitted,



Jo Gehringer

PEWRA Secretary

Cc: Palomar Estates West Resident Association Board
PEW Management
Haven Management
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