



OPEN MEMBERSHIP MEETING MINUTES

Wednesday, December 15, 2021

6:00 pm - 7:30 pm

Join Zoom Meeting

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Board Members in Attendance via Video Conference: Nic Proctor, Linda Murphy, David Dellinger, Jenny VanSeters, Fraser Kersey, Carla D'Antonio, Dennis Clegg (*joined late, missed votes*)

Absent Board Members: Dennis Clegg (*joined late, missed votes*), Al Flinck, Lane Clark

Guests Present via Video Conference: Breanne Norberg, Ina Britain, Terra

1. 6:09 Call to Order / Roll Call
2. 6:05 Review / Approval of [11.17.21 Meeting Minutes](#)
3. 6:10 Committee Reports
 - a. [Treasurer Report](#) (David)
 - b. [CDT Report](#) (Phil)
 - c. Fundraising (Nic)
4. 6:30 Welcome to Community Members and Input to the Board (Open to All Members)
5. 6:45 Old Business
 - d. [Membership drive and renewal](#)
 - e. Annual meeting reports due date
 - f. Election Planning
6. 7:05 New Business

3. Roles Needing to be filled in 2022

4. Check in on Strategic Planning

5. Monthly MET [Dispatch Flyer](#)

This is the proposed idea the Membership Engagement Committee created to keep the community informed on what we have been up to each month.

7. 7:25 Comments/Announcements (All)

a. Recent Storm

b. Removal of freezers and water heater

8. Closed Session (if requested)

9. 7:30 Adjournment (may change if closed session is required)

No email votes this period.

A Closed Session occurred on December 15, 2021

1. 6:09 - Call to Order

2. 6:10 - Review / Approval of [11.17.21 Meeting Minutes](#)

Discussion: Linda and Carla as board members are intending to step down at the end of their terms. Possibly Lane will not return as a board member either. Chloe and Lauren may be interested in stepping up to the soon-to-be open positions.

Vote to approve 11.17.21 minutes.

Motion by David

Seconded by Linda

Ayes: 6

Nays: 0

Abstain: 0

Absent: 3 (Lane, Al, Dennis)

3. 6:10 - Reports

Finance

- a. Review/Approve [Treasurer Report](#) (David)

Discussion: A new \$4000 donation came in so now \$13,500.00 in the bank (slight update to the report). \$4,760.00 in unrestricted funds now exists.

Vote to approve the financial report. *The Treasurer's Report is attached to these minutes and made a part hereof by this reference.*

Motion by Carla

Seconded by Jenny

Ayes: 6

Nays: 0

Abstain: 0

Absent: 3 (Lane, Al, Dennis)

Community Defense Team

- b. Review/Approve [CDT Report](#) (Phil/Nic)

Discussion: Chipper is going to be available hopefully at the start of new year (2nd or 3rd weekend in January), it broke during lat chipping and now is the holidays so will be further delayed. Fire season is over after this rain. Training schedule for Jan/Feb is getting put together by Phil and Nic currently. A list of activities being planned by CDT for the winter is detailed within the CDT Report.

Vote to approve the attached Monthly CDT Report

Motion by David

Seconded by Linda

Ayes: 6

Nays: 0

Abstain: 0

Absent: 3 (Lane, Al, Dennis)

Fundraising (Nic)

c. **Discussion:** Fundraising (Nic)

Action Item(s): New donation check deposited today (12/15/21), which will reflect in the next meeting's reports. Nic will take over coordination with Barbara moving forward.

4. 6:26 - Welcome Community Members and Input to the Board from Community

(Open to All Members):

- a. Hi Ina, and Carla's daughter, Terra! Arlie and Bre
- b. No one flooded along Glenn Rd, but mud built up inside of Laydia's ditch.

5. 6:31 - Old Business

a. **Membership drive and renewal**

Discussion: Lots done, postcard printed, they're ready to be mailed after finalizing addresses. Can get renters in addition to the homeowners as MET members. 126 postcards ready to go into the mail very soon! 2022 pricing has changed back to full price (\$45/individual, \$70/household), the membership questionnaire is ready.

- Fraser: how about a wider net being cast for the membership drive?
- David: Yes, please.
- Dennis: Yeah, sounds good.
- Jenny: expanding membership area without voting?
- David: No voting for outside of the area members, but could provide them with something else (shirts, evacuation guides, stickers, etc)
- Fraser: incentivize services traded for membership as a payment/acknowledgment
- Jenny: what additional workload will it add to the team, in terms of

communication, how we advertise and get the message out, do we hit a campaign with intent or just let things grow organically? Love the idea, let's not rush it for January membership drive, perhaps open it up mid-year or for 2023.

- Linda: Like the idea, we need to flush it out with Barbara more thoroughly, any potential issues that might arise with having both voting and non-voting members, etc.

- Carla: Less enthused about it until the details are maybe worked out. Lots of work and potentially trouble being invited in with a larger membership base. Pros vs cons worked out prior to a vote.

- Nic: Let's talk to Barbara, get her take on it as well, look to a 1 - 1.5 year timeframe for doing something like this.

TALK TO YOUR NEIGHBORS! Word of mouth goes a long way.

Action Item(s): Put a vote for opening up the membership beyond the immediate community on hold until Barbara has done her interviews, which can include this topic by those who want to pursue the idea.

Share list of addresses from Community Directory w/ David to check against for mailing postcards.

Vote to approve the drafted letter for the membership renewal as the final to be distributed.

Motion by Fraser

Seconded by Linda

Ayes: 7

Nays: 0

Abstain: 0

Absent: 2 (Al, Lane)

b. [Election Planning](#)

Discussion: February is the annual meeting, the Board will be voted on then. An Annual Letter is being drafted to try and bring the community into the loop, get them excited about MET. Letter to go out in early Jan (01/08) as a call to action for those interested in running for a board position.

- David: maybe think about reducing the number of board member positions down to just 7 from the current 9, ask the members for a vote before elections.

- 5 to 11 total board members can exist.

- Only members can vote to reduce the number of board positions.
- Linda: 9 positions works well, would be nice to have the community support that.

Action Item(s): Slide presentations for zoom/hybrid meeting. Put it on January agenda to figure out logistics for the hybrid style meeting. Forest Service Station on San Marcos Pass may be a potential site to use.

No vote required.

6. 7:03 pm - New Business

a. Roles Needing to be filled in 2022

Discussion: 2-3 new members if we're staying at a 9 seat total. Positions: secretary, VP, President, additional one - two seats.

b. Check in on Strategic Planning

Discussion: Nic is meeting Barbara this Friday at Java Station. She's going to send out a questionnaire supposedly. Nic is taking the lead moving forward as point person with Barbara, can answer the questions on behalf of the organization, etc.

c. Monthly MET [Dispatch Flyer](#)

Discussion: This is the proposed idea the Membership Engagement Committee created to keep the community informed on what we have been up to each month.

- Linda: Maybe strike the "projected expenses" sections from the flyer.
- Carla: How we spend money may be more interesting to include, major expenses (truck maintenance, equipment purchases, etc).
- David: We could include a link to a spreadsheet with details of how we spent.
- Fraser: How much have we raised in funds, what are the goals we have for this going forward, that information is pretty pertinent as a motivator, the "fundraising thermometer" idea.
- Carla: Maybe a tad premature, good idea following up the Barbara interviews and

consultation, a thermometer can be added.

- Nic: we can use the WRA printing connect for a discount.

- Linda: encourage monthly editions be released to keep the community in the loop.

Action Item(s): Jenny will adjust information for the final version of the *MET Dispatch*.

All grants will stay on, other stuff is compromisable.

7. 7:25 - Comments / Announcement / News / Reminders

- a. Recent Storm: 5" in the driveway. 45-50 mph wind gusts. Trees downed. Waterfalls appeared along Old San Marcos. New tarps were put on Dee's roof at the 11th hour, they worked to keep them dry, plexiglass in the windows to replace broken sections. More rain in forecast mañana.
- b. Removal of chest freezer, fridge and water heater:
 - Ina: Someone dumped appliances down near the culverts, 100 yards up from 154 at lower Painted Cave Rd. No one would come to retrieve it as garbage because of distance from roads. Flood Control/CalTrans are the latest contacts. County and CalTrans all ended up coming to the call and finally removing it all! Hooray. A thank you letter will be going out soon.
- c. Jenny: Thanks to Nina, local REI donated disposable rubber gloves to MET, might have a shelf life so should get used! Great for: trash pickup, etc.
- d. Nic: members of the community reaching to the PCMWB for mountain lion information and such. Any motion to move on taking over responsibility of something like the mountain lion's presence. Images have been shared by individuals to help the community understand when the mountain lions have been cruising the neighborhood – people can then use that info as they choose, modify their behaviours or those of their animals, etc.
 - Fraser: should MET distribute information to help the community to understand safety beyond fire safety, such as how to deal with a mountain lion being present within the community. Feels like a natural to extend to something like this.
 - Carla: then an authority should make a statement, not MET, such as Fish and Wildlife Dept. information on how to interact with the wildlife as a community along the edge.
 - Jenny: we have an opportunity to provide useful info for our neighbors as good caring folks, how can we discourage wildlife from coming in and feasting on our pets? We stepped into a role of communicating aspects of the mountain lion appearing with the releases of information on the app.
 - Linda: it can be a Barbara topic. Difference in communicating what's happening vs. telling people what to do with that info.

8. Closed Session (if Requested, **not requested**)

9. **7:47 - Adjournment: Meeting adjourned by Nic Proctor**

Next Monthly Meeting: Wednesday, January 19, 2022, 6:00pm

Supporting Attachments:

MET Financial Summary for 2021

Income and expenses										
	Expenses	Restricted Donations	Unrestricted Donations	Total donations	Membership dues	Sales	Grants	Other income	Total	
Starting balance	-\$29,448.20	\$21,226.99	\$10,611.95	\$31,838.94	\$3,895.00	\$845.00	\$3,012.76	\$0.00	\$10,143.50	
Income	\$0.00	\$5,027.32	\$8,031.53		\$2,365.00	\$0.00	\$7,639.83	\$0.00	\$23,063.68	
Expenses	-\$23,668.73	\$0.00	\$0.00		\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	-\$23,668.73	
Final balance	-\$53,116.93	\$26,254.31	\$18,643.48	\$44,897.79	\$6,260.00	\$845.00	\$10,652.59	\$0.00	\$9,538.45	
Internal accounts										
	Sign decals / Strategic Plan acct	Equipment / PPE acct	Vegetation mgmt acct	Chipping acct	Fuel acct	Insurance acct	Waterax skid unit acct	Type 7 Patrol Truck acct	Unrestricted / operating acct	Total
Starting balance	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$265.00	\$0.00	\$235.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$9,643.50	\$10,143.50
Income	\$5,000.00	\$800.00	\$6,062.15	\$805.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$10,396.53	\$23,063.68
Expenses	\$0.00	\$0.00	-\$6,062.15	-\$91.59	\$0.00	-\$235.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	-\$17,279.99	-\$23,668.73
Ending balance	\$5,000.00	\$800.00	\$0.00	\$978.41	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$2,760.04	\$9,538.45
Checking Account Status				Statement of Assets						
Checking Account Balance			\$9,652.63	Income		Restricted Assets	Unrestricted Assets	Total Assets		
Undeposited Contributions			\$100.00	Expenses		\$5,027.32	\$18,036.36	\$23,063.68		
Outstanding Payments / Debits			-\$214.18	Net income		-\$6,388.74	-\$17,279.99	-\$23,668.73		
Total			\$9,538.45	Opening net assets		-\$1,361.42	\$756.37	-\$605.05		
Through SBTFCU #			316	Closing net assets		\$500.00	\$9,643.50	\$10,143.50		
Through Item #			447			-\$861.42	\$10,399.87	\$9,538.45		

01/01/2021 through 12/12/2021

Prepared by David Dellinger
MET Treasurer