



Minutes of the Special Board Meeting held on Thursday, October 4, 2012

1. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by Board President Tino Julian at 6:05 p.m.

- a. The assembly stood to recite the Pledge of Allegiance.
- b. Officers and Board Member Roll Call

Officers Present: Tino Julian, President
Robin Tyler, Vice President
Mary Armenteros, Treasurer
Debra Francisco, Secretary

Members Present: David Hyman, Residential Member
Frank Klein, General Member
Deborah Stevens, General member
Jaynee Thorne, General Member
Nancy Xander, General Member

Absent: Janet Gaspard, Residential Member
Anita Goldbaum, Residential Member
John McGovern, Residential Member
Marina Adlivankina, General Member

2. PUBLIC COMMENT ON NON-AGENDIZED ITEMS

Valley Arts & Sciences Robotics Program

A representative from the Valley Arts & Sciences requested funding of up to One Thousand Six Hundred Fifty Two Dollars (\$1,652.00), or any lesser amount, to purchase supplies for their robotics program. The representative, who identified himself as the creator of the robotics program, stated that the funds are needed to offset funding cuts that have severely impacted the program. The requested funds will help promote STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics) Education and enable the students to compete with other schools. An itemized list of items needed was submitted for review.

Board President Tino Julian informed the speaker that his request will need to be placed on the agenda for the next NHWNC General Meeting for Board consideration and action. The speaker thanked the Board.

No other speakers came forward for public comment.



3. PRESENTATIONS

There were no presentations.

4. OLD BUSINESS

a. Motion to provide funding for the Valley Disaster Preparedness (canopy/banquet tables/water barrels) on Saturday, October 6, 2012

It was stated that the previous NHWNC Board had agreed to participate in the 5th Annual Valley Disaster Preparedness Fair to be held on Saturday, October 6, 2012. An invoice was submitted to the Board in the amount of Four Hundred Fifty Dollars and Eighty Four Cents (\$450.84) for the rental of a 20x20 canopy, twenty (20) 8-foot banquet tables, and four (4) water barrels.

Nancy Xander made a motion to provide funding of up to Five Hundred Dollars (\$500) for the Valley Disaster Preparedness Fair to cover the cost of the invoice and other incidentals. It was clarified that the \$500 funding being allocated is a maximum amount which includes the invoice amount of \$450.84 plus other incidentals that may be needed. The motion was seconded by David Hyman.

Public speaker Tom Johnson thanked the Board for its consideration of their funding request. He stated that the Fair is a collaboration of the community with LAPD and LAFD, and is joined this year by the US Marines, US Navy and US Coast Guard Auxiliary. The Red Cross, LADWP, Southern California Gas Company and the Northridge Hospital are also participating. He said that they are hoping to bring awareness to communities on how to prepare and deal with disasters. He added that this is also a great outreach opportunity.

The public speaker indicated that they would like to provide ice cream to attendees this year. In addition to the items on the invoice, they will need ice chests to hold the ice cream and dry ice.

Members of the council asked if they tried going to Food-4-Less or similar establishments for donations, such as the dry ice. The speaker clarified that the dry ice is being donated by LAFD.

Robin Tyler inquired regarding the participation of Chick-Fil-A. The public speaker stated that Chick-Fil-A is donating up to 200 chicken sandwiches. This donation is in addition to the 300 hamburgers and 300 hotdogs to be donated by other restaurants.

A member of the board asked if anyone had a pop-up canopy/tent that they could lend to the NHWNC for use at the fair.

ACTION: The previous motion made by Nancy Xander and seconded by David Hyman was unanimously passed (9-0) by the members present. No one opposed nor abstained.

5. NEW BUSINESS

Deirdre Rosato, a member of the Friends of Library and Manager of the Mid Valley Regional Library Bookstore, stated that the previous NHWNC Board paid for the library's newsletter. She further stated that in the last quarter, Ellie Reese Hill printed out the newsletter through her work since there was no time for board approval; the previous board later approved the funding allocation.

When asked by the Board members, Deirdre Rosato stated that the funding required for 200 copies is approximately \$356, which could be less if the newsletters are not printed in color. Funding will be needed by the end of December or early January. She said that the last newsletter included a logo of the NHWNC with a note of thanks. She further added that they would love to print more copies of the newsletter.

Robin Tyler asked if the NHWNC can be given a half-page advertisement in the newsletter to announce meetings. The speaker stated that this can be done.

The Board requested Deirdre Rosato to provide her contact information.

Board President Tino Julian stated that this issue will need to be placed on the next General Meeting agenda for Board consideration and action.

6. BOARD COMMENTS

There were no comments from the Board at this time.

7. ADJOURNMENT

A motion to adjourn was made by Deborah Stevens, seconded by Robin Tyler. The meeting was adjourned at 6:25 p.m.