



## **MOUNT VEEDER FIRE SAFE COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES**

**DATE:** Saturday, August 27, 2016

**LOCATION:** Joanne Sutro's house, 4143 Dry Creek Road

**ATTENDANCE:** Joe Nordlinger, Ken Van Oeveren, Joanne Sutro, Paul Woodward, Carole Meredith

**ADDITIONS/REVISIONS TO AGENDA:** none

**REVIEW OF THE MINUTES:** The minutes of the July 23, 2016 meeting were approved.

**CHAIRMAN'S REPORT:** Joe Nordlinger reported that \$11,250 has been received so far from 5 wineries in response to the fundraising letter. Two have been returned for incorrect addresses. He asked Carole Meredith to let him know to whom follow-up emails have been sent. Paul Woodward offered to make follow-up phone calls to letter recipients.

If someone wants to donate via credit card, we can take their information and enter it manually on the donation page of our website.

Joe said that Troy Tyner had recently mentioned donating to MVFSC but we have no record of it so Carole agreed to ask Troy how he made his donation, in case it went to another fire-related organization instead of MVFSC.

We will add the following new budget categories for donations:

700.1 Donations

700.11 Unrestricted

700.12 Neighbors in Need program

The current 700.26 Community Projects category will be moved to 700.12.

Jason Newton should send a draft donation response letter to Joanne Sutro and Joe Nordlinger for their review. Joe would like MVFSC to acknowledge the donors on NextDoor and Carole agreed to do that.

Joe emphasized the need to manage our data regarding residents and businesses in the MVFSC neighborhood. We need an up-to-date databased that identifies businesses, residents, owners of rental properties and part-time residents who have second homes in our neighborhood. Carole agreed to begin to organize the data we have.

Joe said he had met someone from Earthjustice, a nonprofit environmental law organization and that they have a component focusing on wildland fire.

We need a better way to stay up to date on funding opportunity deadlines for organizations like California Fire Safe Council (CAFSC), Cal Fire SRA funds, Napa Communities Firewise Foundation. Carole agreed to look into the CAFSC schedule.

**TREASURER'S REPORT:** We have \$37,577.74 in the checking account and \$24,230.92 in the reserve account.

## **CURRENT BUSINESS**

### **PROJECT UPDATES:**

1. **CWPP:** Joe Nordlinger would like to finalize a simple update based on the document that Ken Van Oeveren circulated recently. Carole Meredith reported that it was difficult to extract the images from Ken's document so Ken agreed to send the images to Carole.
2. **Neighbors in Need program:** Evangeline James was not present to report on the development of the criteria for this program but had told Joe that she would come up with something the week of 8/27. Joe will follow up with her.

**EDUCATION AND EVENTS:** none

### **OLD BUSINESS:**

1. **Electronic address list from John Tuteur:** Evangeline James has obtained the list and has forwarded it to Joe Nordlinger. Carole Meredith agreed to start the process of organizing it according to categories of ownership (e.g., businesses, residents, absentee landlord, second home owner, current donor)
2. **Firewise Community application:** The status of this application is unknown. Paul Woodward agreed to investigate.

### **NEW BUSINESS:**

1. The county chipping program has been suspended because of issues regarding the use of county prisoner labor.
2. Joanne Sutro will investigate whether we can get a postage discount for non-profit mailings.

**ADJOURNMENT:** 11:30 am

**Next Meeting:** Saturday, September 24, 9 am  
Paul Woodward's house, 4717 Dry Creek Road