

Yosemite West Property and Homeowners, Inc. (YWPHI) Board of Directors' Meeting - October 15, 2005

The meeting was held on Saturday, October 15, 2005 at the home of Grace Bartel. The meeting was called to order by President Grace Bartel at 10:07 a.m. The September 1-10, 2005 Treasurer's Report, the Tax Exempt Status Report from Debby Hagan, the update from Jon Remucal regarding activities of the Pacific Forest Trust and the report of the August 2005 mail box vandalism from the Mariposa County Sheriff's Office were distributed.

Directors Present: Grace Bartel, Carol Ruiz, Kay Pitts, Tom Lambert and Jim Andrews

Directors Absent: Debby Hagan, Kim O'Neil

Committee Chair Present: Linda Andrews, Treasurer

The **minutes** from the September 4, 2005 meeting were approved. The **Treasurer's Report** of September 1-19, 2005 was also approved. Linda reported that to date there have been 8 new YWPHI members. There will be a reminder notice in the next newsletter to encourage paying membership dues for 2005-2006.

Committee Reports

Newsletter: At Kim O'Neil's request, Grace Bartel announced that the next newsletter is planned for distribution by Friday, November 4, 2005. Anyone wishing to contribute information for the newsletter should send it to Kim O'Neil or Tom Lambert before Wednesday, November 2, 2005.

Fire Safety: John Mock was unable to attend the meeting. YWPHI has not received the anticipated grant monies as the dispersal from the National Park Service is dependent on passage of the Federal Budget. As of this date, the Federal Budget has not been passed.

Website, Nominating and Hospitality Committees had no reports.

Old Business

Maintenance Committee Update and Sewer Upgrade Progress: On Friday, October 14, 2005 Grace spoke with the Public Works Department of Mariposa County. They state that the sewer repair is on schedule to be completed and functioning by the end of October. There will be additional information in the November Newsletter.

Yosemite West PAC Update: On October 29, 2005 the Mariposa County Planning Commission will consider the draft Special Plan, the accompanying draft zoning amendment and the proposed Negative Declaration. The hearing will be held at the Mariposa County Government Center, 5100 Bullion Street, Mariposa, California at 1:30 p.m. Board Members were encouraged to attend. If anyone cannot attend they are encouraged to communicate their thoughts about the Plan to the Planning Commission by letter or e-mail. A summary of the Plan, written by Harry Hagan, will be sent to all YWPHI members.

Emergency Telephone Tree Update: Helen Yates has agreed to continue to work with Kay Pitts on this project.

Tax exempt status for YWPHI: Time was given for all Board Members to read the report from Debby Hagan regarding the information she received about YWPHI's ability to obtain tax exempt status. The Board decided to discuss this item as the first item of the agenda for the December, 2005 Board Meeting when Debby could be present.

Update on Pacific Forest Trust Activities: The written report from Jon Remucal was reviewed. In addition, Grace reported that Hon had said that the Pacific Forest Trust has tax exempt status 501 (c)3.

New Business

Mailbox Shed and Info Station Security: Grace reported her conversation with Bill Carrol, the Yosemite Postmaster. He confirmed that the Postal Service is responsible for the locks on the mailboxes. The boxes themselves belong to YWPHI. He had no additional information about the vandalism. A vandalism report was requested and received from the Mariposa County Sheriff's Office, case number MM0501575. The sheriff's office is eager to receive any additional information from citizens regarding the break-in. It was decided to contact Ken Wall about ideas to add additional security to the boxes without putting locked doors on the building.

Holiday Home Tour: Saturday, December 3, 2005 was chosen by the Board for the Holiday Home Tour. Helen Yates and Kay Pitts will do the planning for the tour, assisted by the Hospitality Committee.

Database Management for YWPHI: It was moved, seconded and approved to spend a maximum of \$350.00 to purchase database software for YWPHI. It was decided that this purchase should be made after Tom and Kim are certain that the software selected will meet the needs for information sharing for the YWPHI membership.

YWPHI Credit Card: It was moved, seconded and approved to give Linda Andrews permission to obtain a credit card for business use of YWPHI. The purpose of this card is for online purchases of computer support.

Discontinuing E-Group: It was moved, seconded and approved to disband the e-group on the website at this time. If there is renewed interest in this group in the future it can be reinstated.

Holiday Greeting Cards: The board moved, seconded and approved sending holiday greeting cards to persons and groups who have helped our organization this past year. Grace will provide the cards and Kim will be responsible for mailing the cards.

The next meeting will be December 29, 2005 at the home of Carol Ruiz.

Respectfully submitted,

Grace Bartel
Acting Secretary