



## Inter-Canyon League

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### Inter-Canyon League Meeting Minutes February 3, 2009

**Place: Silverado Community Center**

Attending:

Deborah Johnson, Pres.	Pam Lau	Karl Keranan	Mary Robinson
Bob Hunt, Vice-Pres.	Hank Rodgers	Gene Robinson	
Frances Williams, Treas.	Leslie Paskus	Melody McWilliams.	
Mary Schreiber, Secretary	Jim Fainer	Phil McWilliams	

#### **I. Call to Order:**

The meeting was called to order at 7:05 pm by President Deborah Johnson.

#### **II. Reading of the Minutes:**

The minutes of the previous meeting were read.. Moved by Fran Williams and seconded by Gene Robinson, the January minutes were approved unanimously.

#### **III. Treasurer's Report:**

Fran Williams presented the Treasurer's Report for the previous month.

#### **IV. Committee Reports:**

A. Fire Relief Effort: No report

B. Fire Safe Council: Keith Fletcher has recommended that FSC apply for BLM monies; a large amount is available. Mary reported that FSC has hired a biologist, and they are nearing hire of an arborist, to prepare for cutting of dead and dying trees in the burned areas.

C. Canyon Watch:

Gene Robinson reported that work is ongoing on the radio tower, to be erected at the Franklin repeater site. He recognized Karl Keranan, who donated \$300 for a new set of Canyon Watch magnetic signs, doubling the number that would otherwise have been purchased.

D. Cell Phone Committee:

Although Verizon is out of the picture for the time being, the Forest Service is interested in having cell phone service in the canyons.

E. Community Directory:

Deborah John reported that it is almost ready to be printed.

F. Brown Baggers: No report

G. Forest Liaison Committee: Hank Rodgers reported that the January 30 meeting, at Santiago Canyon College of those interested in volunteering for work at the Forest Gate at the end of Silverado hosted nearly 140 attendees. Homeland Security will provide funding to allow patrols in the forest on three-day weekends.

H. Website Redesign:

It was recommended that the size of the font be increased for easier viewing.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

1. SMPRD (Parks and Rec Board) Bob Hunt reported that within the next 60-90 days the County will start roadway signage on Santiago Canyon Road.
2. There will be an OCPL Library meeting on February 11 involving Supervisor Bill Campbell and the head of the County Library System. Among other topics, they will discuss handicapped-friendly bathroom space and a new building lease.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

1. Deborah Johnson reported that a decision will be made by March 16 whether to close Silverado Elementary School and three other small schools because of monetary concerns at OUSD. Meanwhile, OUSD will hold a meeting of their board on February 12, to discuss the expected closures. All community residents, regardless of whether they have children affected by the closures, are urged to write or e-mail the District, asking to keep the school open, or to create an ecology school, open to all elementary students in the OUSD district.
2. Matilde Gabriela, representing the American Red Cross, spoke to the meeting. Some unspent funds are still available from the Santiago Fire. They must be spent locally, and must be specific to the needs of canyon residents directly or indirectly because of the fire. After much discussion, it was determined that lists would be drawn up by members of the FSC and Canyon Watch groups, and sent through ICL to the Red Cross for consideration.

There being no further business, it was moved by Gene Robinson, seconded by Fran Williams to adjourn the meeting. Deborah Johnson declared the meeting adjourned at 8:05 p.m.