**LAS CANDELAS MEETING Minutes - SUN MAY 21, 4PM**

**STATE PARK VISITOR CENTER (outside)**

**Attending Board members**: Todd Brown, President, Pat Brown, Treasurer, Ruth Center, Secretary, Gretel Wannenmacher, Vera Simoni, Carol O’Keefe, Ann Murray, Ross Lockridge, Patrick Torres

**Board Members absent:** Todd Yocham, Vice President, Becky Walding, Cynthia Frederick, Cathy Weber, Sue Schneider, Robert Egger

**Attending Community members:** Joan Lynch & Wendy Flood.

*Call to Order*

Todd Brown Called the meeting to order at 4:00 PM

*Agenda*

Ann Murray moved that we approve the agenda as posted. Carol O’Keefe second and the motion passed.

*Past Minutes*

Pat Brown moved that we approve the meeting minutes with changes. Vera Simoni second and the minutes passed.

*Treasurers Report*

Pat Brown reported that we have $18,054.13 in the bank as of April 30, 2023. We had $5,534.78 in income and $1,418.44 in expenses with no outstanding expenses. There is $1027.83 in the flow of food fund.

*Presidents Report (to include road maintenance, portable)*

The road to the post office has been graded. Las Candelas paid half of the expenses. The property owner paid the balance.

There continues to be a problem with people stealing toilet paper from the portable. Todd Brown has replaced the lock, but the problem persists.

After a brief discussion it was suggested that we ask the county to lower the speed limit into town from 35 miles to 25. Vera Simoni will work with Santa Fe County to get the lower speed limit posted.

Todd Brown noted that Santa Fe County has been quick to respond to replacing downed stop signs.

**Old Business**

*Cerrillos Senior Center/Fire Dept update*

Ann Murray reviewed the follow up letter to be sent to Commissioner Bustamante, Curt, Dan, PJ, and Bryan on behalf of Las Candelas Board of Directors. Ann Murray moved that we approve the follow up letter to be sent to Commissioner Bustamante and Curt, Dan, PJ, and Bryan.Cathysecond and the motion passed.

*Filming*

Las Candelas received a large donation from the Dark Winds production company. Todd Brown talked to the production company about turning off the diesel trucks as soon as they are set in placed as well as the security vehicle. The production company agreed They also agreed to finish by 10:00 PM.

*Garden Committee*

Todd Brown complemented the Garden Committee for a job well done. Gretel Wannenmacher and Ann Murray reported that it was well attended for our first attempt. The Master Gardeners from County Extension were interesting and had some new ideas but did not know much about our local ecosystem.

Todd Brown suggested that they continue to plan more activities. After a brief discussion it was suggested, we purchase rain barrels to distribute. Ann Murray moved that we spend up to $500.00 on 50-gallon rain barrels and spigots to distribute to Las Candelas neighborhood residents. Patrick Torres second and the motion passed.

*Flow of Food*

Ruth Center reported that she will begin making the purchases for the Flow of Food. She will start by spending $250 per month and we can review at October’s meeting.

**New Business**

*CerrillosNewMexico.com website*

Pat Brown reported that the website has a new format. We are now able to refresh information, add pictures, edit and respond to questions and comments.

*Fiesta de Cerrillos update*

*Patrick Torres reported that he will schedule the first Fiesta meeting in early June.*

*Community Input*

Ann Murray and Gretel Wannenmacher reported that there is a County Facilitator that they can work with regarding the old fire station.

Pat Brown reminded everyone about Art in the Park May 27, 2023.

Vera Simoni reminded everyone that parking is available at Frank White’s during special events.

**Upcoming Events (**Art in the Park May 27; Community Picnic July 4; History Hike July 29; Town Wide Yard Sale Aug 19; Turquoise Trail Studio Tour Sept 23/24 & 30/Oct1)

Next Meeting will be October 15, 2023, at 4:00 PM. State Park Visitor Center, outdoors.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:30 pm.

Respectfully submitted by

Ruth Center

Secretary Las Candelas Community Organization