**LAS CANDELAS de LOS CERRILLOS COMMUNITY ORGANIZATION**

**MINUTES of the October 16, 2022 meeting**

**State Park Visitor Center 4:00 PM**

Board Members present: Todd Brown, president, Todd Yocham, vice president, Patricia Brown, Treasurer & acting secretary, Cynthia Frederick, Ann Murray, Ross Lockridge, Carol O’Keefe, Gretel Wanenmacher, Becky Walding and Patrick Torres.

Board Members absent: Robert Egger, Vera Simoni, Ruth Center, Sue Schneider

Community Members present: Anthony Umi, Tony Sahd, Anah Nahtaaba, Bernadette Romero, Cathy Weber, Jesse Colvin

Todd Yocham motioned to approve the Agenda with the addition of Community Center under New Business (Gretel) and remove Sept Meet & Greet with Mathew McQueen as no one attended. Carol seconded, all approved.

Becky motioned to approve the Past Minutes emailed to the board. Todd Yocham seconded, all approved.

Treasurers report As of September 30, 2022 Las Candelas had a balance of $13,937.79 in the bank.

Income since the May meeting: film commercial $600, Flow of Food $235, yard sale $251(after paying for 3 ads), May Donkey race donation $100, Interest $0.91. Expenses were 3 yard sale ads $135.33, Flow of Food $586.71. Ann motioned to approve the Treasurer’s report. Becky seconded, all approved.

Old Business

Senior Center: The Cerrillos senior center / fire station has a new manger replacing Curt Temple. The contact is Dan Anderson - office (505) 992-3014 c. (505) 470-1394. The IFB (invitation for bid) went out to bid and a site visit for potential bidders was planned. Bids will be opened by the County on November 3, 2pm.

Road Maintenance: Road grading in Cerrillos is scheduled by the County next week when the weather clears. Paving the road coming into town is also scheduled next week. Discussion included lane width for County standards, mowing and reseeding the edges. The County contact is Brian Snyder (505) 992-3015.

Movies: Filming for the series Dark Winds is scheduled for two days at the Brown’s trading post in November. As Cerrillos film liaison, Todd will work with the production company for Cerrillos. They are required to submit a County permit, Proof of Insurance, and the Las Candelas film application with a donation to Las Candelas for 3 days work at $750 per day. They will use DOT yard for base camp. More details will be available closer to the date of filming. Residents can register their properties with the film commission. <https://nmfilm.com/filmmaker-resources/list-your-property-as-a-location>

Portable: The County contracted with a new portable company to service Cerrillos. The company will service the portable once a month, the paper dispenser is locked. Todd checks it once a day for cleanliness and paper.

Flow of Food: As of September 30 there is $585.92 remaining in the FOF fund. At the May 2022 meeting a request was made for recurring donations. One member is sending $40 a month. Sue will continue to manage FOF; she will purchase the food and toiletries and take them to the Ortiz Mountain Health Center (clinic) for distribution. Sue requested $600 from Las Candelas to buffer the fund. Gretel motioned to add $600 to the FOF fund. Ross seconded, all approved. The balance as of Oct 16, (including a member donation, FOF purchases; and LCDLC supplement) is now $1100.90.

Christmas Decorations: Las Candelas reserved $100 for Christmas decorations. Sue bought 50 yd red mesh ribbon $36.90 and requests reimbursement. On Sat Nov 5, 10:15am, meet at the Cerrillos fire station to prepare greenery. On Sat Nov 26, 11am, interested persons can help hanging the decorations.

TTVFD Christmas Party: Las Candelas will donate $100 towards the fire department Christmas fund. Due to Covid in 2021 the fire department distributed gift cards to area children. No report on Dec plans.

Community Input: Tony Sahd brought concerns with the undesirable activity at the corner house he rents (Second & Waldo). After some discussion Las Candelas members recommend the best way to handle the problem was: 1. To fence the property; 2. Post no trespassing signs; 3. Call the Sheriff and keep track of the case number, record the incidents with notes and photos; 4. Have a lease or rental agreement as the renter has rights. 5. Owners need to go through the legal system to evict a renter. Contact Santa Fe County Contact Land Use by email - inspections@santafecountynm.gov.

NEW BUSINESS

Santa Fe County grant for high speed internet: Santa Fe County wants to extend a fiber optic cable to Madrid and Glorieta to improve high speed internet. The County will want a communications business to (apply for a grant to) bring hard line into Cerrillos to connect its residents. Note: There is a Comcast fiber optic line buried along Hwy 14 to Madrid but it bypasses Cerrillos.

Gardens: With the lingering drought members could organize gardens and grow more food. Gretel suggests finding a grant to provide rooftop gutter catchment & water a tree. County money may be available. A Committee formed to bring info/suggestions back to Las Candelas; Ann, Cathy and Gretel.

Fiesta: Fiesta de Cerrillos was cancelled Oct 8 due to rain. It was not rescheduled. A planning committee will form in 2023. All artists were refunded their registration fees. No money had been paid out.

Gift for Luann Wosick: Luann is retiring from the Ortiz Mountain Health Center on Oct 21 with a reception from 2-4pm. Patrick motioned to present her with a $100 gift card from Newman’s Nursery. Todd Yocham seconded, all approved. Pat will take the gift to the reception.

Community Center: Discussion on a Cerrillos Community Center with a full kitchen was started. The old fire station on River St (which needs remodeled) may still be viable after the new station opens. We have heard the Senior Center will have a room available for community meetings/no kitchen. Cathy brought up a conversation with PJ at the County. The County needs consensus of 40 – 50 residents to put Cerrillos Community Center on the County projects list. Ann motions Gretel form a committee to research Community Center. Todd Yocham seconds, all approve.

ELECTIONS:  A board position opened when Wendy Flood moved.  Ann nominated Cathy Weber to the Board, Gretel seconded the nomination and Cathy accepted.  Carol motioned to retain the Board by acclamation with the addition of Cathy Weber. Patrick seconded.  Nine board members approved the motion. Gretel abstained.

Meeting adjourned at 5:30pm

Respectfully submitted by Patricia Brown, Treasurer

Next Meeting: Sun May 21, 2023 4pm at the State Park Visitor Center, outside