

**September 9, 2009 – Minutes of the Board of Directors Meeting of the Friends of Sausal Creek, a California Non-Profit Public Benefit Corporation**

Attending Board Members: Mark Rauzon, Carl Kohnert, Richard Kaufman, Pat Bacchetti, Eleanor Dunn, Paul Frank, Krisztian Varsa

Staff: Kimra McAfee, Megan Hess

\* Call to Order – The meeting was called to order at 7:08 pm by President Pat Bacchetti.

Minutes not available- tabled until next meeting.

Restoration Report - Megan Hess gave an update on upcoming event, Creek to Bay Day on 9/19/09. She estimates attendance at 100 or more. Requests for task volunteers (crew leaders, etc.) were announced and food planning was discussed.

Plant Sale Report – Megan Hess reported on the nursery readiness for the Plant Sale on 10/17/09 and discussed what yet needs to be done to prepare.

Building with Books Event - Upcoming Volunteer work with the Building with Books group is planned for 10/24/09. We expect 200 plus Oakland students will be working in the canyon.

Nursery Report on Power Issues - Megan reported on the most recent developments in the ongoing challenge to bring power to the nursery irrigation system. Electricity from the Amphitheatre is still an option and the issues around that are being explored with the City. We may need to enlist volunteer assistance in the ongoing consultations on this.

Membership Meetings – Ways to increase attendance at membership meetings were discussed, including an outdoor meeting and better outreach efforts/

Financial and Grants Report – Kimra provided status on the FoSC financial health. We are at low ebb with grant success. However, the Regional Board Grant received official green light last week and Laural Marcus is pursuing the subcontractor on model and data submittals. The Board discussed options for completing the project in the best way. The status of the Coastal Conservancy Grant for the demo garden was also discussed: the native lawn and gravel path have been scaled down and the funds must be spent by end of March 2010.

Facebook Outreach –Krisztian is setting up a Cause Page with a donations link and an events page on Facebook.

Staffing – The Board discussed the financial limitations we are facing along with the need for additional leadership in the Nursery. Options for funding the dual nursery/restoration manager position were considered.

Board Retreat- The Board is considering Nov. 8th or 15<sup>th</sup>. The agenda for the retreat will include fundraising and Carl has agreed to prepare a fact sheet for our discussions.

Meeting was adjourned at 9:05. The Oct. Board meeting will be at Park Blvd. Presbyterian Church on October 14, 2009, with plans to invite Wayne Kirchoffer and Rob Leidy.