

Mount Hermon Community Meeting Minutes  
Spring Meeting, Newton Memorial  
May 10, 2011, 7:00 PM

1. Call to order and prayer @ 7:00 P.M.....Jim Linman
2. Meeting minutes read and approved.....Janet Payne
3. Treasurer’s report read and approved .....Barbara Grensted

We have a balance of \$417.32 (same as in the fall).

4. Announcements..... Armand Langmo

- Weather-Related Incidents  
*We thank God for no loss of life or injuries*
- Mount Hermon Chorale  
*The chorale performed on three occasions, the Christmas Buffet a Hymn Sing and Spring Lakes community. It is now on furlough until the fall.*
- Volunteer Coordinator for Mount Hermon Association  
<http://mounthermon.org/employment/volunteer>  
*Michele Izor is the new volunteer coordinator for Mount Hermon.*  
[Michele.Izor@mounthermon.org](mailto:Michele.Izor@mounthermon.org)
- Spring Cleanup ..... Paul Izor  
*Paul Izor encouraged us to sweep our leaves and pull our broom plants (Scotch and French broom plants) because of their many seed pods and inflammable sap.*
- 911 Calls  
*We were reminded to make emergency calls on land lines, when possible, because land lines are connected to the Santa Cruz County dispatcher whereas cell phones are connected to the Highway Patrol (who may have difficulty with local directions). When calling on a cell phone, ask for the fire dispatcher in Felton to assure they can find you.*

5. Mount Hermon Association Issues, Updates, and Reports.....Alden Johanson/Dale Pollock

- Storm Damage – Alden Johanson  
Three storms this winter caused damage.
  1. November 21: One tree damaged Parkway Cabin and another took out four of the six units in Sequoia Lodge. They hope the Parkway Cabin will be ready for the summer. They are still waiting for the permit for Sequoia.
  2. February 25: Large trees below the Pine Lodge slid down the hillside onto Meditation Chapel. Foundation work is needed for the lodge, but it should be back in service by July 3. It is planned to reopen the Sequoia Trail, but it is unclear how or when this can be done.
  3. March 23: A landslide on Conference Drive closed the road, but was quickly cleaned up by Mount Hermon. The hill needs to be stabilized from above. There was a question from the audience as to who pays for this. Mount Hermon pays for road clean-up.

Woodwardia Bridge – Dale Pollock

Bids came in low, so we have a contract for the alternative access to Mount Hermon homes via Mount Hermon Road. Construction should begin mid-June with about six to eight weeks of construction. Once it is finished, Woodwardia Bridge will be closed to vehicular traffic but open for pedestrians, bicycles and motorcycles.

• Water System – Dale Pollock

The new tank is up, flexible connections are in, and the new tank will be online in the next few weeks. It is 286,000 gallons, the same size as the old one. The tank at the end of Madrone is also planned to be replaced after additional funds are accumulated from water fees.

• Roads and Trails – Mark Lilley

Mark introduced Josh Edwards, his assistant who works on Mount Hermon roads. Mark and Josh are going to map and take notes on all the large trees on Mount Hermon property. They will then assess whether the trees are a danger to people or property and hire an arborist to give recommendations regarding specific trees. Mark has phone numbers of arborists if Community members would like to ask advice about trees on their own property.

(Sean McFeely noted that there is a promising treatment called Agro-Fos for Sudden Oak Death (of live oaks). (See UC Berkeley Extension for information, or <http://nature.berkeley.edu/garbelotto/downloads/agrifospentrabarklabel.pdf>).

• Homeless Encampments – Mark Lilley

Mark and Armand Langmo expressed their concern to the owner of the property located between Mount Hermon and Safeway where there have been homeless encampments. They offered to help clean up the area, but the owner replied that he was going to do that and it has been done.

6. Questions.....Armand Langmo

- Home Tours? We have someone to take the lead and are looking for a few more homes to be offered. The bulk of the money after expenses will go to the campership funds. The date would be early fall.
- Bridge Painting? The Conference Drive bridge to Graham Hill Road is owned by the County. Mount Hermon Association has asked about painting it, but the County is concerned about possible lead-based paint. It was noted that it may be time to ask again.

7. The meeting was adjourned at 7:57 PM.

Respectfully submitted,  
Janet Payne  
Secretary of the Mount Hermon Community  
May 12, 2011