

MHC Spring Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, March 29, 2022, 7:00pm, Youth Memorial Building

[See the MHC Meeting Video 3-29-22 for specific detail]

1. President's welcome and Call to Order – Reggie Coates
2. Vice President's introduction and prayer – Ron Taylor
3. Secretary's Report – Reggie (in place of Maria Demarest)
 - Reggie summarized the minutes and a vote of approval was passed (Motioned/Second/Approved).
4. Treasurer's Report – Cheri Andrews
 - Balance as of Fall Meeting, October 28, 2021: \$113.40
 - Current balance as of March 29, 2022: \$200.10
 - Four transactions over the six months.
 1. 12/27/21 Deposit of \$297.82
 - a. Cash for Christmas dinner
 - b. Donation by community member
 2. 12/27/21 Deposit from PayPal of \$973.88
 3. 12/29/21 Reimbursement to Reggie Coates, paper copies for the Christmas dinner (check #1043) of \$45.00
 4. 1/14/22 Payment to Mount Hermon Association for Christmas Dinner Tickets (check #1042) of \$1,140.00
 - A vote of approval was passed (Motioned/Second/Approved).
 - 5. Community Announcements: Reggie
 - He reiterated the MHC Focus – Positive communication, caring involvement, and support toward each other and MHA.
 - He reviewed the community's social media sites and email:
 - Website - <http://mounthermoncommunity.com>
 - Nextdoor - <http://mounthermon.nextdoor.com>
 - Facebook - <https://www.facebook.com/mounthermoncommunity>
 - General MHC Email List – Email “Put me on the list” to: mail@mounthermoncommunity.com
 - *Fun Day* – MHC was not able to secure a date or place for this summer's Fun Day, so it will be determined in the near future and communicated to the community.
 - 6. Felton Fire Protection District – Fire Chief Robert Gray
 - Vegetation Management discussions with the County Supervisors regarding the old quarry along Azalea, Madrone, Ridgeway.
 - They saw how Henry Cowell State Park was able to get rid of debris piles and they want to do something similar.
 - They will probably ask community members to volunteer to help.
 - This will most likely take place next year.
 - He went over Fire Season 2022 updates and what Felton Fire is doing to prepare for it.
 - They are ready and prepared for this fire season. There is a high fire probability because of the drought.

- Scotch Broom is good to get rid of, but they are not sure how to dispose of it.
- Felton Fire just purchased a new smaller fire truck in order to get into tight situations. It will not be delivered for 10 months.
- He gave a FireWise update for our community.
 - Because Mount Hermon is so large, we are forming smaller groups to include some communities within Mt Hermon.
 - Resources from Santa Cruz FireWise and Felton Fire are available to help. Captain Audrie Dawson can meet with individuals or groups interested (Felton Fire 831-335-4422).
 - Verjene Kalashian has had great success in Area 9 with enough homes interested to move forward in becoming a FireWise community. They all met with Captain Audrie Dawson and their interaction was informative and enjoyable. You can connect with Verjene with questions about their process at vkspeech@gmail.com.
 - More information can be found at:
<https://mounthermoncommunity.com/category/fire-safety-firewise/>

7. Map Your Neighborhood – Laurie Shipley

- She thanked the community for Phase 1: Turning in resident’s names, emergency emails and phone numbers. This list is a private MHC list and will only be shared in an emergency with police and the fire dept.
- She explained how we are now moving into Phase 2: meeting with 10 to 15 homes in your area to prepare for disasters. We are looking for neighbors willing to be a host for their group of homes in order to watch a C.E.R.T video together and work through the steps in being prepared (i.e. Who has a fire extinguisher? How do you turn off your gas? Etc.). She passed around a sign-up sheet and had a good response. If you are interested, contact Laurie at mhc@mounthermoncommunity.com.
- More information can be found at:
<https://mounthermoncommunity.com/category/map-your-neighborhood/>

8. Summer Registration - Bill Fernald.

- He went over how to register for the summer and what options are available.
 - MHC Summer Pass is the new name for registration.
 - You can get your MHC Summer Pass starting May 2, either the Basic (free) or Premium (cost). Everyone needs to register for one of them.
 - MHA starts their summer Sunday, June 12.
 - There’s been significant staffing challenges for MHA this year.
 - Contact Brenda Wallace (brenda.wallace@mounthermon.org) if you have questions.

9. Mount Hermon Association Update – Bryan Hayes

- Bryan explained Zingle, the application which allows MHA to send important notifications via text to all who are added into the Zingle database at MHA.
 - This has been an anticipated way for MHA to let everyone know of important information and emergencies.
 - This list is a private MHA list and will not be shared with anyone else.

- Contact Rebecca Krusee (rebecca.krusee@mounthermon.org) if you have questions.
- MHA is continuing to upgrade the water mains throughout Mount Hermon putting in new 6 inch wide and 2 inch wide main lines.
 - For Roads/Trails/Bridges issues, contact Dale Pollock through Rebecca Krusee (rebecca.krusee@mounthermon.org).

10. Nominating Committee Update – Tim Galleher

- He explained how the Nominating Committee is looking for suggestions for the new President and Secretary to be voted on at the MHC Fall Meeting in October.
- More information on Election of Officers, their general roles, leadership qualities to consider, and Nominating Committee can be found at <https://mounthermoncommunity.com/board-of-directors/>
- Here is the timeline:
 - April through June 2022- Receive suggestions from the community for President and Secretary.
 - July-August 2022- Interviews with prospective candidates.
 - September 30, 2022- Present nominations to the MHC Executive Board.
 - October 27, 2022- Announcements are made at the Fall Community Meeting in order for the members to vote.
- In order to submit suggestions for President and Secretary, the new Nominating Committee email is: nomcom@mounthermoncommunity.com

11. New Business – Reggie

- Eric Gobler, who has worked 40+ years in the septic design business, had some helpful information on septic systems. For more information, go to *The Care and Feeding of a Septic System* on our website under News & Events: <https://mounthermoncommunity.com/2022/03/28/the-care-and-feeding-of-a-septic-system/>

12. Adjourn – Ron closed the meeting in prayer at 8:20pm.