

Fall Meeting Minutes of the Mount Hermon Community

Tuesday, October 25, 2022, 7:00pm

Newton Memorial Building

1. President's Call to Order – Reggie Coates
2. Vice President's Welcome – Introduction and prayer – Ron Taylor
3. Treasurer's Report –Cheri Andrews

MHC Balance as of 10/22/22: \$223.96

<u>Date</u>	<u>Who/For</u>	<u>Debit/Credit</u>
10/22/22	PayPal Transfer/Community Donations	\$ 165.46
09/01/22	Dan Dawson/New Google account	- \$ 93.00
08/15/22	Bank Office Deposit/Raffle donation	\$ 70.00
08/01/22	Business with Pleasure/Fun Day fliers	- \$ 57.60
06/01/22	USPS	- \$ 31.00
04/01/22	Dan Dawson/Website maintenance	- \$ 30.00

Total Credits \$235.46

Total Debits \$211.60

Bank balance on 03/29/22: \$200.10

Bank balance on 10/22/22: \$223.96

Motion/Second/Approved

4. Secretary's Report – Reggie
 - Reggie referred to the MHC Spring Meeting Minutes (copies were handed out and listed on our website) and read the main headings on each portion of the Minutes. **Motion/Second/Approved**
5. Community Announcements – Reggie
 - MHC Focus – Positive Communication, Neighborly Involvement, and Community Support.
 - Community social media:
 - Website - <http://mounthermoncommunity.com>
 - Next Door - <http://mounthermon.nextdoor.com>
 - Facebook - <https://www.facebook.com/mounthermoncommunity>
 - General MHC Email List – Email “Put me on the list” to: mail@mounthermoncommunity.com

- Emergency contact list for Map Your Neighborhood, sign up at: <https://mounthermoncommunity.com/2021/06/11/map-your-neighborhood-program/>
- *Buffet Christmas Dinner* for our community, Tuesday, December 6, 6:00pm-7:45pm, \$10.00 tickets on sale November 1 at the Williams Welcome Center (MHC Registration Office) and online will-call.
 - Includes dinner, dessert, door prizes, games, carol singing and getting to know your neighbors better.
- Reggie recognized the Area Representatives (Adding 10 more recently):
Area Reps
 - 1 - Laurie Shipley-25 homes ~ Pine Ave. (63-85)/Ridgeway (45-99)
 - 2 - Cheri Andrews-25 ~ Buckeye/Manzanita
 - 3 - Sue & Willie Mayfield-17 ~ Plaza/Whitethorn/Forest Ave. (60-82)
 - 4 - Aubrie & Adam Hensleigh-29 ~ Summit Ave./Terrace Way/Graham Hill Rd./Roaring Camp Rd.
 - 5 - Ashlyn Sartain-29 ~ Grandview Ave.
 - 6 - Swen & Rebekah Plec-23 ~ Park Way/Maple Sq.
 - 7 - Garrett Spindler-12 ~ Manzanita Springs
 - 8 - John & Misty Block-19 ~ Forest Ave. (17-58)
 - 9 - Jackie Stalling-10 ~ Pine Lane/Pine Ave. (41-46)
 - 10 - Amber Johnson-17 ~ Pine Ave. (23-38)
 - 11 - Eric Gobler-29 ~ Madrone Ave./Ridgeway (1-44)
 - 12 - Tim Galleher-20 ~ Azalea Ave.
 - 13 - Reggie Coates-39 ~ Mound/Lake Ln./Forest Rd. (5-15)/Pine Ave. (1-21)
 - 14 - LeeAnne Giblin-14 ~ Prospect Ave.
 - 15 - Joanna Pollock-13 ~ Lakeside Ave.
 - 16 - Greg & Dawn Lindholm-27 ~ Glen Alpine Ave./Conference Dr.(2-15)
 - 17 - Ron Taylor-25 ~ E. Zayante Rd./Highland Ave.
 - 18 - Ryan Lipert-22 ~ Woodmill Ln./Redwood Circle
 - 19 - Kimberly Miller-15 ~ Acacia Ave./Woodwardia Ave./Lilac Ln.
 - 20 - Wayne & Katie Hendrickson -12 ~ Canyon Rd.
- Ron recognized the Nominating Committee – Ron Taylor

Nominating Committee Members

- Bill Cree
- Tim Gallaher (Chair)
- LeeAnne Giblin
- Greg Lindholm
- Marilyn Miller
- Carolee Singley

6. Mount Hermon Association Update – Bryan Hayes

Bryan opened up the floor for questions. He updated FireWise status for a Firewise Community. He received an article from California State Insurance

Commissioner. The state is concerned about insurance and many have been affected by canceled insurance. MHA is joining efforts with the State to try and get fire insurance back to California. It's a tall order and will take action on the state level.

Questions & Answers:

- Community member – How is Mount Hermon FireWise different from the State FireWise concerns?
 - Bryan – There's not much our community can do to affect insurance. It really needs to be addressed by the State. It will take more than a community to get insurance back. MHA will be pursuing this, but it may take some time.
- Community member – We're thankful MHA is working to deal with the insurance part of it. But, what about helping MHC with brush clearing and such? There's a lot to do on each of our properties and it's costly too.
 - Bryan – It is very costly and it's going to take all of us to keep up with this. We need to keep asking what can we do as a community and individuals to help clear brush and be wise about possible fire. There may not be a benefit except we will have a cleaner and safer place to live and be more fire "wise."
- Community member – Can you speak to the new water treatment law?
 - Bryan – I can't speak to that, but Eric Gobler could.
 - Eric Gobler – The rules changed October 2021 for leach fields. For everyone who has sandy soil, all of Mount Hermon, when that fails, to replace it, you have to put in a treatment system. The key is to take care of roots and problems with a simple permit. When the leach field fails, you have to install a treatment system. You should pump your septic tank every 3 to 5 years and have it checked. I put in a new septic system recently and had to install a treatment system. This new system adds oxygen which breaks things down faster and is better for the ecosystem. This was all prompted by protecting the ground water. You'll have to hire an outside service provider to check it. It cost me about \$50,000 for the treatment system.
- Community member – Who is in charge of opening the lobby doors of the Mount Hermon post office?
 - Bryan – It is certainly an issue. I've had my own issues and MHA has had issues as well. Mount Hermon post office is governed by the Felton post office. Felton calls the shots. Danny will send you to Felton for questions like that. I've heard they are not quite ready to go back to opening it up off hours.
- Community member – Is MHA looking at the mandate to have a 5,000 gallon potable water tank for individual residents in Mount Hermon?

- Another community member – This doesn't apply to Mount Hermon because of the water system we have. It only applies to homes out in the outskirts.
 - Bryan – We are adding hydrants and 6-inch pipes throughout Mount Hermon.
- Community member – In light of the recent fires, why do we not have more major fire breaks? When you get information, can you pass it on to us?
 - Bryan – As the Commissioner deals with some of this state-wide, it's going to have to create this on a massive scale. MHA is hopeful to see some action in this area.
- Community member – PG&E has been cutting trees and such, but what is MHA doing to clear debris and remove downed trees?
 - Bryan – In the last year and a half, MHA has put in over \$200,000.00 for tree removal at our sole expense (especially near Ponderosa). We will continue to work on this. Individual home owners need to take responsibility for their trees.
- Community member – Can MHA use volunteers to remove piles and such?
 - Bryan – Yes, we could use some help. Let me know if you'd like to help.
- Community member – Can you give an update on the Ponderosa project?
 - Bryan – It's coming along. We lost a month because of additional permitting at the county level. But, it's moving ahead now and the roof is on! The rain will not hurt things now. The kitchen remodel has begun. It will take us working every day until June 1 to have it finished. It looks like a different place...in a good way! I have a lot of history with Ponderosa and I'm excited the way it looks.
- Community member – Does living in a FireWise community help protect you from cancelled insurance?
 - Bryan – Not right now. I was dropped two weeks after the fire. There's nothing that shows you would be protected.
 - Adam Hensleigh – He is campaigning to be on the Felton Fire Board of Directors. When insurance companies drop you, they are looking at an areal view. There are other programs in our area. A FireWise community shows how the community is safer than what appears. Yet, this does not guarantee they will offer insurance.
 - Bryan to Adam – Let Reggie know of any information you have and he'll put it on the website.

7. New Business – Reggie

- Aubrie Hensleigh couldn't make the meeting, but through email suggested some changes to our Bylaws. Reggie said the Executive Committee will contact her to explore these suggestions.

- Marilyn Miller began a discussion on starting a Welcome Team to welcome new residents and inform them of important information. Marilyn volunteered to create a brochure. Dawn Lindholm will be the point person as this develops and any questions or suggestions can be sent to her at dawn@mounthermoncommunity.com.

8. Voting on Executive Officers –Tim Galleher and Reggie

President – Ron Taylor

Vice President – Dawn Lindholm

Treasurer – Cheri Andrews

Secretary – Reggie Coates

- Reggie gave a brief review of how the new ByLaws have clarified the process of voting and a lot of thought and time has gone into deciding on the new Executive Officers. The Nominating Committee has done a great job interviewing and recommending the new officers for this coming year. He also shared how the 18 years of serving as the MHC President has been a meaningful experience and he appreciates the many people who volunteer in the community. We are only voting on 2 people: President and Secretary. But, because we want everyone to feel good about all the members of the Executive Committee, the nominating Committee has approved of all four members and want to present tonight's vote as a package.
- Tim Gallaher said the Nominating Committee has been meeting for over a year and we've talked with a number of people about suggestions. In August, we interviewed Ron for President, Reggie for Secretary and Dawn Lindholm for Vice-President, which the existing Executive Committee selected as interim until the scheduled voting next year.
- Dawn Lindholm – My husband, Greg, and I have owned a home here in Mount Hermon since 2001 and lived here full-time since 2008. I've been a pastor and just retired as an inter-faith chaplain at a retirement community where I cared for 500 residents and 160 staff members. Now that I'm retired, I can spend more time caring for Mount Hermon and listening to the community. It's a unique community. My daughter, Christine, moved up here 5 years ago and they keep saying it's different than other places. You can go out to walk your dog and get home two hours later. When we say we need to love our neighbor as ourselves, this is a place we can practice this. In many communities, love is not there. It's challenging to love difficult neighbors, but we can do it.
- Tim Gallaher – Our slate is for Ron to be President and Reggie to be Secretary and next year we will look at Vice-President and Treasurer roles. This is our nomination and package to be voted on by you today. If you'd like to suggest residents for the future, email me at nomcom@mounthermoncommunity.com.

- Reggie – We voted on the new MHC Executive Board members both in person and by email (15 voted by email - 5:00pm same day). It was approved! **Motion/Second/Approved.**

9. Adjourn – Ron

- Ron adjourned the meeting at 8:15pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Reggie Coates
MHC Secretary
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