

Mount Hermon Community Spring Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, April 18, 2023, 7:00pm, Newton Memorial

[The Facebook Live video of this meeting is available until May 15th at
<https://fb.me/e/A5cygCFx>]

1. President's Call to Order, Welcome, and Introduction was given by Ron Taylor at 7:04pm
2. Vice President's Opening Prayer was given by Dawn Lindholm
3. Secretary's Report was given by Reggie Coates, *MSA*
(There was one correction where MHC was used instead of MHA)
4. Treasurer's Report was given by Reggie Coates, *MSA*
(A community member asked why MHC doesn't get part of the Christmas ticket money like before. Ron replied that the dinner is more expensive and the Executive Board decided to not raise the price for the residents by not receiving a portion of each ticket. We will be exploring other ways to fundraise for the community.)

MHC Balance as of 4/18/23: \$576.08

<u>Date</u>	<u>Who/For</u>	<u>Debit/Credit</u>
4/5/23	Community Donation	+ \$ 100.00
4/3/23	Dan Dawson/Website expenses	- \$ 103.53
4/3/23	Pay Pal Transfer/Christmas Dinner Tickets	+ \$ 535.00
12/5/22	Business with Pleasure	- \$ 72.41
11/25/22	USPS	- \$ 66.00
10/26/22	Business with Pleasure	- \$ 40.94

Total Credits \$352.12

Total Debits \$282.88

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

Bank balance on 4/18/23: \$576.08

5. Community Announcements by Ron Taylor
 - Community Social Media:
 - Website - <http://mounthermoncommunity.com>
 - Next Door - <http://mounthermon.nextdoor.com>
 - Facebook - <https://www.facebook.com/mounthermoncommunity>
 - General email for questions and comments is:
mhc@mounthermoncommunity.com
 - To be included on the General Email List, email the phrase "Put me on the list" to: mhc@mounthermoncommunity.com
 - Upcoming Events for 2023
 - Fun Day – Saturday, August 19, 12:00pm-5:00pm, Redwood Camp

- Fall Meeting – Tuesday, October 17, 7:00pm-8:15pm, Newton Memorial
 - Christmas Dinner – Tuesday, December 5, 6:00pm-7:45pm, Conference Center Dining Hall
6. Felton Fire Department Update by Captain Audrey Dawson (Unfortunately, Chief Grey was ill and could not make it to the meeting.)
- Report on weather impact in SLV with safety regulations.
 - There was over 120 inches of rain.
 - It's important to have 4 days of emergency food and water, etc.
 - Stay in your home when the weather is really bad.
 - Cal Fire and Felton Fire Dept. support chipping.
 - FireWise is a program that is good to pursue.
 - There is a plan by the Resource Conservation District for a Fire Break (defensible break) from Graham Hill Road to Mount Hermon Road. MHA will send the report that Chief Grey has in their next statement to MHC.
 - Remember that everyone through the Fire department is a volunteer.
7. Mount Hermon Association Update by Bryan Hayes
- Storm Damage
 - All trails will be open in three weeks thanks to A-Plus Construction being so helpful.
 - Conference Drive was closed and 18 hours later was temporarily fixed. 250 tons of rock were used to fill it.
 - MHA pays for slides on Conference Drive.
 - Roads, Trails and Bridges (RTB) is taken care of by MHC and MHA.
 - Slide between Pine Avenue and Azalea will be covered by MHA.
 - Statements
 - Residents will be getting a statement explaining the cost of RTB and Water (Profit & Loss, expenses and projects).
 - RTB - \$172,000 – MHC 83%, MHA 17%
 - Water – MHC 45%, MHA 55%
 - Operating Fund = \$403,000. Capital Fund = \$286,000. Total = \$689,000.
 - Digital Water Meters are coming, plus generators for water tanks.
 - Summer Passes explained.
 - Bryan and Mike Romberger see MHC residents as very valuable.
 - MHA needs 100 more people for summer staff.
 - For the free summer registration, all you do is register and get a badge.
 - For paid summer registration, you get one week of Family Camp and 40% off the ropes courses. This year there is no pool or boats included.
 - Q & A
 - A community member suggested contiguous sidewalks from Conference Drive to Graham Hill Road.

8. Nominating Committee Update by Tim Galleher
 - Officer Election Process for 2023 (Election of Vice President & Treasurer)
 - Recommendations for officers are open now through June.

9. Community Issues & Involvement by Ron Taylor
 - Welcome Committee is in place and Christine Lindholm shared about the five people on the committee. Bryan can coordinate new residents. Bryan will give a brochure for trails and nature walk to be included in the Welcome pack.
 - Disaster Relief
 - Map Your Neighborhood (MYN)
 1. Laurie Shipley is heading this up.
 2. Part of C.E.R.T
 3. More than just fire. It is preparation for all disasters.
 - Firewise
 1. Adam Hensleigh is heading this up.
 2. This has to do with fire disasters.
 - Report on Recommendations to change the ByLaws
Response to Bylaw Suggestions
 1. A Nominating Committee consisting of at least four to six members shall be selected by the majority vote of the Members.

As much as the MHC is an informal organization "for the purpose of friendship, self-help, communication and safety/security", the Executive Board suggests we keep our structure as simple as possible. Therefore, the Nominating Committee (initially formed in the Fall 2021) is to remain as is for the present time, the current 6 members serving up to six years, with two members rotating off every two years, the first two departing in the fall of 2023. The Executive Board will present prospective NC members for a vote of approval by the community at the Fall Meeting. Suggestions for service on the NC can be made to members of the Executive Board up to a month prior to the planned Fall community meeting, allowing the EB sufficient time to review those suggested.
 2. Area Representatives have the right to attend the Executive Board meetings.

Invite the area reps to attend planning sessions for the four primary events for the community, these are the Spring Meeting in Mar/Apr, the Fun Day in August, the Fall meeting in October, and the Community Dinner at Christmas in early December. By necessity these planning sessions will occur three weeks prior in order to coordinate details and communicate the events. - Incorporated 3/31/23 (A community member asked why Area Reps can't attend more meetings by the Executive Board. Reggie explained that no other meetings are planned and it would be extremely difficult and unnecessary to make it work. Our move to include Area Reps at the four meetings is because we are inclusive and transparent. Ron explained that the Executive Board is out for the good of the community and there are no secrets. Nothing "sneaky" is taking place at any of our meetings.)

3. The Executive Board shall add at least two additional officers, one for Emergency Response and another for Fire Safety & Prevention. These officers shall have a direct line of communication with MHA for the purpose of upholding community standards and regulations in connection with local government authorities. (i.e. police and fire departments).

This is being discussed with MHA leadership, as MHA has the primary responsibility in the enforcement of Rules and Regulation. Tabled for now.

4. Vacancies shall be filled by a majority vote of the Nominating Committee and presented for ratification by a majority of Members at the next general meeting for consideration of the vacancies.

As in the normal process for filling roles on the Executive Board, candidates for filling vacancies are to be recommended to the NC for approval, then presented to the community for a vote at the Fall meeting. Candidates are not to be presented at the time of the meeting as there is insufficient time for review of those recommended for an officer role.

5. Voting at the general meetings shall be in person and conducted through a media platform that allow Members to be given an opportunity to speak if needed. If unable to attend in person or through the media platform an email vote by 5 PM of the date of the general meeting will be accepted.

Incorporated: This is MHC current practice, utilizing Facebook Live for this service. The voting for officers at the Fall 2022 meeting was handled as suggested above.

- New Business
 - A community member explained she sees people walking their dog without a leash and being unwilling to follow the county law of having their dog on a leash. There was some discussion, but no action taken.
 - Ron mentioned MHC is accepting contributions to help with expenses.

10. Adjourn at 8:36 by Ron