

May 9, 2007 – 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, Sheelah Weaver, Eric Havel, Harry Schrauth, Pat Bacchetti, Helen McKinley, Eleanor Dunn

Staff: Sara Marcelino, Kathren M. Stevenson

*Call to Order - The meeting was called to order at 7:04 pm by President Mark Rauzon.

*Approval of Minutes – April minutes were adopted w/minor edits.

* Plant Sale Debrief

- Estimate 300 came to the nursery; day went smoothly; approximately \$6K in sales; discussion of holding future sales in Fall and doing our own publicity or collaborating w/other native plant nurseries. Exploring ideas of both a spring event and a fall sale.

* Discussion of Nursery management needs

- Role/Scope of nursery manager's duties
- Issues around permits, propagation, restoration of Pallid manzanitas

* Grant Update and Review of Needs (handout from Sara, "Financial and Fundraising update; May 2007")

* Summer nursery management needs

- Kristin Hopper's last day will be June 4
- Staffing issues – evaluation of Kathren standing in for limited nursery hours for a month or two until a new nursery manager can be hired.
- Sheelah Moved to increase Kathren's hours to 30/wk for the interim; Mark seconded and motion approved.

* Board Retreat Planning

- Kristen O. and Sara are preparing some staffing "scenarios" for consideration at the retreat
- To be held at Pat's house June 16
- Board Meeting 3 days before (13th) can set time/other details

* Kathren preparing calendar of events through July for website.

* Brainstorm education workshops w/guest educators to be held at nursery site; and related ideas.

* Board Development – New Board member ideas discussed

- Advisory Committee development ideas discussed

* Elliott Smith Memorial – rock was immovable; graffiti problems in watershed; alternative ideas discussed.

* Next Meeting June 13; Adjourn at 8:50 pm.