



Oakland Firesafe Council
Board Meeting
October 23, 2015
Minutes

Ken Benson, Dinah Benson, Allene Warren, Dee Rosario, Barbara Goldenberg, and Michael Kilian

Meeting Called to order at 9:08 am

Open Forum- Michael Kilian discussed the KTVU news show on Fire Danger.

1. Approval of Minutes- Minutes from Last OFSC Meeting accepted unanimously.
2. Treasurer's Report- Michael Kilian reported that we had \$586.00 on account and that he would check next week on the Mailbox to see if we have any incoming checks.
3. Garden Project- Ken and Allene Warren discussed the September work party and the successful volunteer effort. Kudos to both Carolyn Burgess and Sue Piper and recognition to the Marin-Bolinas Botanical Gardens for their plant donations and support by Orchard Supply Hardware and their donation as well.
4. Board Discussion on OFSC Fundraising- First the Board agreed unanimously that we need to raise funds to support our mission and goals. Second, there was discussion about possibly looking at working with PG&E on gas shut-off valves and making that a possible outreach and fundraiser activity. Dee Rosario and Barbara Goldenberg to research and present back to the Board on next steps. Then Dinah Benson discussed the offer of creating a Firewise Home Inspection and then soliciting the homeowner for a donation to support our mission and goals. The Board suggested she drop the word inspection and that she research available checklists and methods and present her idea back to the Board. Barbara Goldenberg said that she would take the initiative to look at Oakland Merchants and Large institutions such as EBMUD and PG&E for possible annual donative support. Ken and Barbara agreed to reach out to SunCal on their upcoming Oak Knoll Project and see if they might be both interested in donating to support our mission and goals but also to see if they were open to our participation from a Firewise community planning perspective. The Board thought we needed to do further research around an annual event and or community



training event around the pre-fire season that could be a fund raising vehicle and they thought this should be an ongoing discussion at our next Board Meeting.

5. Other- The Board discussed Core Training and whether or not we should advocate and further it within our outreach efforts. No decision was made. The Board thought that we needed to improve our year round vegetation management messaging and thought this could be a major topic for an upcoming Board Meeting.
6. Next Meeting – Set for Saturday December the 5th at 10am at Sue Pipers residence at 33 Hiller Drive.

Meeting adjourned at 10:03am.