

## **SKOS Board Meeting Minutes**

### **9/16/24**

#### **Roll Call and Affirmation of Agenda**

- Present
  - Jeremy Blank
  - Joel Loya
  - James Hetherington
  - Drew Patterson
  - Greg John
  - Daniel Rozynski
- Absent
  - Sarah Burton
  - Debie M Abella
  - Justin Briggs

***NOTE: Joel resigned as VP; will monitor and support the operations and maintenance work on the hill and remain on board. Decision about a new VP will happen at the October meeting. THANK YOU JOEL!***

#### **Financials:**

- Treasurer reports balance of approximately 29,000 with two donations since the last board meeting of \$460 (approx). No anticipated new expenses for the month.
- NOTE: Brief discussion of Board Obligations in terms of fiscal stewardship. Greg notes that Boards often receive training on roles and responsibilities.
- NOTE: Revision of Google Drive - Justin will take this on and has noted that the work is underway.
- Decision: Budget numbers reviewed. No action required.

#### **Fundraising:**

- From Daniel - As we organize to raise more money and as we look at how we want to reach out to neighbors and to businesses, we want to keep a good hold on our charm and our informal approach. The folks we are reaching out to are our neighbors and our families in many cases and the way we go about asking for support has to reflect these relationships.

- From ALL - We all have a stake in raising funds and learning how to do it in a SKOS kind of way.
- Decisions - Fundraising letter: **1) James** will redraft the letter by next Monday for comments and feedback from Board Members. Goal is fewer words. **2) Jeremy** will do the research on costs to mail via Direct Mail Center and the inclination is to INCLUDE a return envelope for those folks who like to donate with checks. **3) Greg** will rework the shorter email/text blast that we might send to those folks with whom we have that level of contact/closeness. **4)** We (Joel's assistance helpful here) will set our catchment from 17th to Connecticut to Potrero Street (help on this one from Joel). **5) Daniel and ALL** will help to build out our donor lists with a note to ask Debie for the existing list of names. **6)** Timeline for mailing: Late October/early November. Giving Tuesday!

### **Outreach**

- . Website and T-Shirts! We will discuss these items at our next meeting.

### **Land Stewardship**

- Discussion and Decision: We discussed the proposal received regarding frisbee golf and determined to take a 'no position' stance as appears below:

*Bill --*

*On behalf of the Board of the Starr King Open Space, we write to respond to your request to hold periodic disc golf events in the open space.*

*We acknowledge and much appreciate your dedication and many years of service to the SKOS. That said, the Board takes no position on your request. What you propose appears to us to be an organized event, which would require supplementing our existing insurance policy, and the Board is unwilling to undertake that expense in support of the event. That said, the open space is just that -- a private space open to the public -- and we are confident you will act with the best interests of the land and its neighbors in mind.*

*Best,  
The Board*

- Discussion: Workday was lightly attended but successful in removing trash from the Open Space. ALSO, logs were returned to their appropriate positions after night-rascals once again rolled them down hill.
- Discussion: Encampments. We talked about a hypothetical - what if ten campsites appeared overnight on the Hill. What is our response? We conferred on laws applying to private rather than public property and members felt strongly that we have the legal right to remove encampments. We also discussed the need to caution, the need to avoid confrontation, the appropriate application of compassion, and the need to reach out to appropriate authorities should we find ourselves with a sudden influx of campers.

**Adjourned at 8:05 PM**