

Sevenoaks Board of Trustees
Minutes of 3/27/2019 Meeting

Attendees: Tom; Claire; Kent; John; Rixie; Paul; Brad

Opened at 3:30 PM with attunement and check ins.

Confirmed meeting dates: 4/24; 5/29; 6/26; 7/29 at 3:30.

Meeting proceeded with the agenda included in the Dropbox.

Paul commented on his State of the Center report, included in the Dropbox. Highlights include: after a very slow February and March, the Center is very busy for the remainder of the fiscal year; 22 events in upcoming 4th Quarter; only 12 days in the next 90 days when there will be no guests on site; Pipeline of rentals for next fiscal year up significantly from this time last year.

Paul reported on a current Land and Building issue. Our neighbor leases farm land to a local farmer, who has been using Roundup pesticide. Application is by helicopter, resulting in almost inevitable overspray onto our property. Paul will personally visit with the neighbor to explore alternatives. He understands a crop change may be in the works, and that there is some possibility the new crop will not require pesticide.

The report of the Membership Group, included in the Dropbox, was approved with the following motion passing unanimously:

“Moved, the policy recommendations in the Report of the Membership Group be approved. The Membership Group is authorized to implement the recommended changes, together with such administrative details as it may find necessary or advantageous.” Motion made by Brad, seconded by Kent.

Brad reported the Spring contribution Campaign will kick off as soon as the Membership Renewal Campaign, which is presently scheduled to kick off 4/1 after BoT approval of Membership Group recommendations, is substantially concluded. He hopes this campaign will substantially conclude by the end of April. Assuming the schedule holds, the contribution campaign will kick off in early May. The Membership Renewal Campaign will focus on a more personalized communication with current members, and Brad hopes to then move to an Outreach program directed to former members who for whatever reason have not renewed in the past several years.

Action on a policy for accepting donor restricted funds, and action on the Sacred Dimensions Fund were deferred so they can be reviewed at the same time as a policy for Board Designated Funds is considered. This was referred back to the Finance Committee for action and presentation to the BoT at a future meeting.

Tom reported on the results of the joint meeting with the PWC and the Guild, which were attended by all Trustees. All agreed it was an excellent event and encouraged quarterly joint meetings in the future.

The meeting was adjourned, and the BoT went into Executive session.

Respectfully submitted,
Brad Smith, recorder for this meeting.