

Santa Clara Community Organization
Executive Board minutes
January 1, 2026

The meeting was called to order at 7:06 by the Chair, Kate Perle. Other Board members present included Jerry Mohr, Terri Reed, Patti Zachary, Jerry Finigan, Scott Sorenson, and Louie Vidmar.

Kate said decisions needed to be made about programs for the coming year and when general meetings and executive board meetings would be scheduled. A newsletter will be published later in February announcing these decisions. It was decided the general meetings for the year would be February and March (Board elections being done in one of these meetings) and the May and June meetings. There will not be a meeting in July. August, September, November and December would also be general meetings. Executive Board meetings are scheduled for April, October, and January. Jerry Mohr announced she will not be running again for her current seat.

It was decided the potential programs for the coming year will be:

February – the Amazon Warehouse project

March – budget cuts for 4J schools because of declining enrollment. We may reach out to RRCO to join in this. Terri will check with them with also the possibility of another public safety program.

May – Emergency Preparedness. Maybe invite EWEB and EPUD.

June – Invite BEST back for an update. Also youth recreational opportunities including youth camps.

Some other suggestions included Water Safety and Retirement Planning (Scott will take point on this).

August – possible candidate's forum

Other activities: Some kind of sponsored SCCO activity in the new community park. Everyone's Market is looking to possibly sponsoring a marathon. Kate suggested a neighborhood activity involving introducing all local neighborhood parks. Dates will be set for the next Awbrey Park Wildflower Festival and the Concert in the Park.

There was a discussion about improving SCCO's internet presence and outreach possibilities. It was suggested we might invest in a website manager. It was decided to include this as a yearly goal. It was suggested that there be better links between our existing internet outreach and better links to access details about upcoming programs.

Terri reported that the holiday food boxes program raised over \$1800 and resulted in 20 food boxes/bags. 27 volunteers helped assemble them.

Terri moved that the minutes from the June 5 Executive Board meeting be approved as submitted. Scott seconded. Motion passed unanimously. Patti moved the September 4 Executive Board meeting be approved as submitted. Terri seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

Terri will be contacting Food For Lane County to set a date for a Green Food Drive in March. This will be included in the newsletter. The goal will be \$3000.

Jerry Mohr suggested that an annual calendar of events be established to be published in the newsletter throughout the year.

Meeting adjourned at 8:54 p.m.

Submitted,

Jerry Finigan, secretary