

Santa Clara Community Organization
Executive Board meeting minutes
December 5, 2024

The meeting was called to order by the Chair, Kate Perle, at 7:03 p.m. Other Board members in attendance included Tim Foelker, Louis Vidmar, Terri Reed, Jerry Mohr, Dawn Lesley, Jerry Finigan, and Scott Sorenson. Dawn moved the minutes from the September 5th Executive Board meeting be approve as submitted. Terri seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

Treasurer's Report: Jerry handed out a report showing that SCCO has \$90 in an account at Eugene Neighbors Inc. and \$4605.58 in its Keybank checking account. These have line items of \$2501.64 in the Santa Clara Garden account, \$450.70 in the Special Events Account, \$1145.00 in the fund set up for the Neighbors Helping Neighbors project; leaving \$508.24 in the SCCO general fund.

Old Business: Terri reported on the Neighbors Helping Neighbors project. She handed out a detailed list of food contributed for the food boxes as well as monies donated. Also a detail of volunteers that will be involved and items still needed for before the December 14th work party at the Irving Grange to assemble the boxes. Someone will need to supervise the assembly of 20 food boxes and there will be shopping several days before the event based on what is still needed. Terri submitted a flyer advertising the event and Tim said he would send this out digitally. Someone is needed as a greeter and hospitality for volunteers and a couple people to deliver the boxes to Awbrey Park Elementary School. Dawn moved that \$50 to \$100 be used from the SCCO Special Event fund to supplement monies for purchasing food. Jerry seconded. Motion passed unanimously. Kate suggested that we use this opportunity to promote the Santa Clara Community Organization by letting volunteers at the event know about us. Dawn gave kudos to Terri for her efforts to organize and execute this event.

New Business:

- Kate discussed a concern about the effect of the Navigation Center on surrounding businesses which includes some criminal activity and drug dealing. SCCO's representative to the Navigation Center is Gary Wildish and River Road Community Organization's representative is Jon Belcher. The Center is managed by Equitable Social Solutions. Kate said that the Center is as a result of a partnership between Lane County and the City of Eugene and dealing with this problem should be in their wheelhouse, but the community organizations can work with the governments to suggest solutions such as establishing cameras on businesses to identify the perpetrators. There was a general discussion about the problem of housing availability and how lack of housing is still aggravating the problem. Scott wondered how, with the huge increase in the availability of student housing impacts housing availability generally.
- Jerry said that the last time he was at Keybank he found that, since Ann Vaughn moved back to Wisconsin, he was the only signer on the checking account and suggested there be other signers so if something happens to him the Community Organization still has access to its account. He suggested that the Chair, Kate Perle; and the Vice Chair, Tim Foelker be added as signers to the checking account. Terri moved that Kate and Tim be added as signers to the account and Ann Vaughn be removed. Dawn seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

- Terri discussed the funding of special events and how using a nonprofit would make it more attractive for donators. She said the structure of the Santa Clara Community Foundation is not structure to expedite monies in and out convenient. She suggested that SCCO use Eugene Neighbors, Inc. to deposit monies for special events. SCCO is a member of ENI so an account is already available there.
- Dawn said the Social Justice Committee is in the process of rebranding itself to take on a larger mission as a community building team. She will submit details later.

Kate reported that the program for the January meeting will feature North Eugene High School's principal, Nain Muñoz; and the February meeting will feature Habitat Haven. Scott suggested that we have a program dealing with the Navigation Center in the future.

There was a general discussion about how SCCO might widen its outreach by using social media – maybe NextDoor and establishing an event page on Facebook.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:25 p.m.

Submitted,
Jerry Finigan, secretary