FMWW
2019-05-02 General Meeting
Monan’s Rill

Attendees:
Linda, Harriet, Penny, Zoey, Megan, Richard, Sue, Ray, Bill,

* Minutes: March meeting minutes: Approved.

* Financial Report – Bill
Checking: $201.10
Savings: $11,723.62
Only expenses are $18.95/month from Sonic.net.

* Sue Smith Memorial Wildflower Hike - Ray, Penny, Joanie, Harriet - scheduled for May 5
From Richard Baril: has some maps to lend, good boots and long pants, a good lunch stop along the way.
Signage to direct people to the MR garden: Penny to do. (Use Bill’s H&H signs.)
Need a sign-in table (at garden), filtered water, bathroom clean-up.
Sue’s list of plants. Bill to make 6 copies of 12-page document.
10AM start
Review of progress of creating this event: how to make it better next year.
Parking: at garden and barn. Harriet to help at 9:30AM.

* Fall FUNDRAISER - Planning

Location? Discussion about venues.

Rancho Mark West: barn?
Positives: easier to drive to (than Monan’s Rill HUB), historic, free.
Negatives: need to bring power, lights, no kitchen, outhouses, small floor space, dance on ground in front of barn? Could be extremely hot in late Fall.

Use the Grange?
Positives: big space, big kitchen, bathrooms.
Negatives: in town, $100/hour.

Monan’s Rill’s HUB?
Positives: big space, good kitchen, bathrooms, lights, space out back, front porch, free.
Negatives: a bit more driving, can be hard to find for newcomers.

Decision: use the HUB.
**What is the event?**

Ideas:
Online auction? Let’s people off-site bid.
Auction opens 30 days before event. Put together a catalog.
Liquor license: $150 for 30 days, can serve wine (but not sell it).
Dance: 3 price levels: advance, before, and day of.
Do both a raffle and silent auction?
Ken: auction is a lot of work. Just charge for dance/dinner.
Penny: maybe have late afternoon, early evening events
Concerns about Fall event: fire season, smoke season, anxiety season

Decided:
Penny: do Fall online fundraising, and major in-person fundraising Spring?
Harriet: Fall online fundraising that culminates in cocktail party with raffle for all donors.
Short presentations about what we’re working on.
Kick it off with our newsletter (6 weeks ahead), with donation envelopes
Provide finger food
Donation $25 ($35 at door)
**Popcorn? Bill to ask Jeff and Sherry.**

Nov 2, a Saturday. 3PM to 6PM. Gratitude gathering.
How to take online donations? **Bill to investigate.**

Timing for newsletter: August 9 figure out topics, Sept 9 due date for articles.
What one big raffle prize that all $25 - $35 donors who attend are entered in? Think of items.
A local rental? A wine tasting/rental?

Aug 8th FMWW meeting: to plan newsletter and event
Ask a special Presenter? Who?

* **Update on CWPP** (Community Wildfire Prevention Plan) - Penny
We didn’t get the CalFire grant; doing research on why we didn’t get it.
Working on implementation of our plan without grant.
Use Mattei Road workday as prototype of neighbor-helping-neighbor event.
Tarwater/Neal Creek: how to connect an exit route? Another neighbor-helping-neighbor event.
Additional current CWPP projects: Knox Locks and road address signs.

Diamond Mtn. working on a CWPP.
Mayacamas Mtn. working on a CWPP.

* **Cannabis Ordinance and Penalty Relief Program** - Update on County response
Board of Supervisors: funding decisions to be made in June. Possibly will fund Phase II of Cannabis Ordinance, which focuses on neighborhood compatibility. Or they could agree to fund Countywide EIR: County would be paying for it. This would help to identify all sites in the County that WOULD be appropriate for cannabis operations.

Next steps: We will be appearing at hearings and submitting letters asking for EIRs and for County to continue making applicants prove they will have no impact on streamflow.
- Referrals are going out for comment, but no hearing dates set for CUPs in the watershed yet.

Harriet will send a copy out to the email lists of any FMWW letters commenting on CUP applications for cannabis.

The County sent a letter in December to several operations in the Penalty Relief Program saying: you need use permit to operate beyond February 2019 due to them not being able to demonstrate there was no impact on streamflow. Growers could appeal this decision. Recently, Someone at County (perhaps in the Economic Development department – not Permit Sonoma) made a decision to combine these appeal hearings with the CUP hearing, thus effectively allowing the water use to continue. We are trying to get an explanation from the County about why the decision was made to combine the two hearings.

* **Upcoming hearings** - combination CUP and appeal hearings - outside request to explore legal options – membership did not agree to this particular offer, but other legal options are being considered for the future.

* **CalFire Fire Prevention Grant Application** – Harriet
We didn’t get the grant. The CWPP committee will follow-up on who did get the grant and why we did not.

* **FMWW Wildlife Cameras** – no report

* **Committee Reports**
  * **History Committee** – no report

* **Emergency Preparedness** – no report

End of meeting. Minutes by Bill.