

FBM Board Meeting Minutes
December 3, 2018 (7:00 pm – 7:45 pm)
Topic – FBM Finances
Host: Diana Abrell 12319 Hillcrest Drive

Attendees:

Chuck Staetz, Diana Abrell, Andrew Wilkinson, Susan Sanders, Jeff Peach, and Susan Luhman

Apologies:

Ed Sylvester

President Chuck Staetz called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm.

FBM's finances are the reason for this meeting. Treasure's records reflect the organization has spent over \$26,000 in legal fees to keep the Cascade Canal litigation going. At this point, trial proceedings have not begun. Legal fees will continue to mount up as John Bilheimer said trial costs could be as much as \$57,000.

Susan Sanders asked how much money FBM must keep in reserves. Chuck said \$2,000.

Diana suggested reaching out the previous Save Our Historic Canal (SOHC) members to see if any might be interested in donating to legal fees to keep the Lower Cascade Canal trail free of gates. Diana has the SOHC records. She suggested reviewing them for potential donors. Susan Sanders and Susan Luhman offered to help review the records to see if there were any potential donors from that group,

Diana will send the list of SOHC to Jeff. He will format the spreadsheet into alpha order to cross reference the spreadsheet with FBM members. Susan L and Susan S will meet with Diana to review the names. FBM does not want to duplicate those who are members and already donated. After compiling a new list of potential donors, Susan L will develop a letter informing them of the situation.

More discussion followed about what if FBM runs out of funds supporting the litigation. One possibility would be to make payments to the lawyers. Andrew suggested contacting the Bear Yuba Land Trust (BYLT) board to ask for a donation. Susan Sanders did not believe the BYLT board would donate money on behalf of the Land Trust. However, she offered to send a letter to each individual board member soliciting personal donations.

Other Issues:

Greg Murphy from the Nevada Irrigation District (NID) sent a letter to Jonathan Davis regarding put a gate on Bureau of Land Management (BLM) property. Apparently Mr. Davis did not respond.

BLM did not seem to be concerned about the gate on their part of the trail.

Diana asked if the public was going to be informed of the court date and permitted to attend.

Action Item:

Susan Sanders will check with John Bilheimer. If Bilheimer says yes, Susan S will compose an email for Jeff to send to all members.

Diana will send the SOHC list to Jeff. Jeff will cross reference it with FBM members so FBM will not duplicating.

President Chuck Staetz adjourned the meeting at 7:45 pm.