

SRCO Board Meeting  
09/07/2023  
6:45 PM

#### Members Present

Mike Powell - President  
Chris Bolander - Treasurer  
Wade Eppler - At-Large  
Chris Ainsworth - At-Large

#### OLD BUSINESS

##### FunFest

CB - discussed FunFest and convo with Debbie Anderson; Debbie will not be continuing with organizing FunFest. Proceeds promised to Fire Department for dress uniforms. Was not fully discussed with board members prior to FunFest or voted on. FunFest did not benefit SCRO residents/owners at all, venue was not satisfactory. First year that there was a profit from FunFest. Veteran's Park would be good place to hold functions.

WE - FunFest committee not open to other suggestions. Need to check local event calendars before setting FunFest date. FunFest not held at good location - too much cement, no adult beverages, no cooperation from staff. Suggested holding FF in San Luis and Fort Garland alternate years. Best to hold in area that board does not have to pay. First FunFest was held at the Fort Museum, Fort charged \$5 entrance fee, received \$1900 entrance fees. Board was not charged for using the Fort. Second year board paid \$700 to use Fort.

CA - board members should be wearing clothing (T-shirts, etc) that designate board member for recognition. Board members should walk around and interact with attendees. FF was not organized well, not run well. Needs to be more organized. What is FunFest goal?

MP - Annual meeting conflicts with memorial service at Veterans Park; needs to be moved to different date to eliminate conflict. Debbie A wanted to schedule meeting with Mike and Tanya regarding FunFest, to be held on 09/08/23. Venue unfortunate, no adult beverages. Board members present only there to provide checkbook. Board not engaged in planning sessions, etc. Fire Department received \$565 from board, approximately \$1700 from Ion; those donations did not go through board, went straight to Fire Department. Sidestepped possibility of loss from raffle and silent auction while promoting own business.

If FunFest is going to be held next year, board needs to plan/run. Donated items to be donated to SCRO; no side deals.

CB - Tanya E and Brittany were on committee. Communication skills lacking in leadership, upsetting to committee members.

Annual Meeting minutes are approved and posted. Annual Treasurer's report posted. Agenda for today's meeting posted online.

#### BUDGET

Old budget template from last year's budget. Need to prepare calendar before preparing budget. Proposed calendar: CB stated that there is a lot of pot lucks scheduled. MP advised people

like pot lucks, want more community events.

Parade of Lights: Last year very successful (at Veteran's Park) and enjoyed by all despite temperature. Next time Santa will be inside out of weather. Not sufficient planning or organization. Start planning now. Woman from Catholic Church passed out gift bags to children. Need to contact her for this year. Maybe contact vendor to supply hot chocolate/coffee/cider to provide warmth. If vendor will supply free drinks, they could sell food.

Plan for earlier in month due to holiday travel. Saturday 12/16 would be good date, start at 4:00 or so due to darkness. Need more than one person to hand out beverages due to winds, could put in tent to prevent paper products from blowing away.

Last year budgeted \$ ?, spent \$250. Proposed budget of \$400 for this year. Santa suit in storage.

Ranchgiving: (12/9) - date too close to Parade of Lights. Needs to be held in November. Have leftover hamburger from Annual Meeting. Could make chili and/or sloppy Joe's. Legion to hold Thanksgiving event, date not yet scheduled. Last year's was big success. May join forces with American Legion this year. American Legion to provide venue, music. Association to provide food, attendees could bring pot luck dishes. Bluegrass group could possibly play, need to get dates available before date is set. No cost for band, could put up donation jar.

Plenty of electrical outlets at AL for crock pots, etc, may need more tables.

Mardi Gras: (2/13/24 start date in LA) tie event to Lu's in Blanca. Cook wings, king cakes, etc. Any alcohol to be purchased by attendees. Hold on Saturday, 2/10/24, 6:00-9:00 PM. Party favors to be provided. Event to be open to the public, or SCRO only? Possible to rent Del's to prepare and serve food, if kitchen is in working order. One day event license (liquor) \$50.

Concern with possible DUI's if held at Lu's due to Blanca PD.

Possibly could rent Del's for Parade of Lights. WE to talk to commissary about renting Del's, CB to talk with Lu's. \$500 budget set.

Dumpster Day: (5/18 and 9/14) one in spring, one in fall. Three big dumpsters and one small dumpster used at last dumpster day. Need to have dumping monitored (in person) to prevent dumping of tires etc, and to limit use to members. Can not push May to June (weather concerns) due to scheduling. Question regarding locations of dumpsters to more central location(s) in SCRO. Budget not set.

Red, White & the Ranches: (6/29/24) picnic at Veteran's Park or Fort Garland Park. FGP has

playground, pavilion. No condiments left over from annual meeting, will need to purchase more. Burgers & hot dogs. Budget set at \$250.

National Night Out at the Ranches: (8/2/24) light refreshments at Veteran's Park, night before Annual Meeting. AL to sell burgers, etc. Maybe substitute Annual Meeting meal with food the night before and then hold Annual Meeting without providing food. Seminars at last annual meeting went over well. Budget \$200.

FunFest: wait and see what develops before scheduling. May change name/identity.

Community Meetings: none scheduled, required to have one every quarter. Trunk or Treat?

Halloween Carnival, Oktoberfest? Try for October community meeting, may have to push to November. Needs to be held on the first Thursday of the month, which would be 10/5/23, 6:30

PM - location TBD. Board member to attend AL meeting to present dates to AL board. Next CM to be scheduled for 01/04/24. March meeting 3/7/24. June meeting to announce candidates scheduled for 6/6/24. All meetings scheduled for 6:30 PM. Annual meeting 8/8/24?

#### NEW BUSINESS

Newsletter: Add to next agenda.

Investors: investor-owned properties should be inspected for code-compliance. Contact investors/code enforcement as needed for compliance. Could share positive results with members, members could notify board members of possible problems. Add to next Community Meeting Agenda.