



## Minutes of the October 27, 2022 Friends of Atascadero Lake Board Meeting

Present: Paul Murphy, Bob Edmonds, Barbara Combs, Mark Hontz, Olan Kaigel, Dena Kaigel, Nancy Hair. Guests: Terrie Banish, Earl Vaughn. Absent: Don Lynge, Kathy Hontz

- Approval of the June 13<sup>th</sup> and June 20<sup>th</sup>, 2022, Board meeting minutes
- Treasurer's Report, Olan Kaigel: Beginning balance of \$35,697.84. Deposits of \$208.00, withdrawals of \$2,801.17 leaving an ending balance of \$33,105.47. A reminder: we have an Amazon Smile account <https://smile.amazon.com/ch/46-4145246>. Just log into Amazon Smile and .05% of all your purchases will help Friends of Atascadero Lake. Thank you, it's so easy!
- Terrie Banish, Deputy City Manager, attended our meeting to discuss fund raising opportunities. The Atascadero Fall Festival will be held November 18<sup>th</sup>, 19<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup> at the Sunken Gardens. The promoter of the event is looking for volunteers from local non-profits to help alcohol vendors pour drinks. The participating organizations would be able to keep all tips. Bob Edmonds made a motion not to volunteer and Paul Murphy seconded the motion. All were in favor. It was decided to focus on using our resources of volunteers during Tamale Festival and LakeFest. Terrie also brought up the Tamale Festival which will be held January 14<sup>th</sup> 2023 11:00 am to 7:00 pm. This is our big fund-raising event that funds electric for the well pump and any other projects. So, please save the date! Barbara Combs brought up to Terrie the Annual Holiday Walk Around the Lake which will be December 3<sup>rd</sup>. As of the meeting, Barbara has not gotten confirmation from the City as to helping with road closures, stringing lights and making the bonfires.

Terrie said she will check into it. If you would like to participate with a location around the lake to sing, give away candy canes, or any other booth, please let us know. This is a very popular event for families, so save the date! Terrie is bringing many fun and exciting events to Atascadero and we appreciate her hard work and creativity in promoting Atascadero.

- Water Quality Report and Well Information, Paul Murphy: Paul met with Nick Debar, Public Works Manager and the City's lake consultant. The Consultant did a sample of the well and lake water. There was a very small trace of nitrates in the well water and an even smaller trace in the lake water. There were no measurable amounts of phosphates. Paul decided to take samples for us and took them to a certified lab to do our own testing and basically both came out the same. We discussed the importance of timing to add products to the lake to prevent the algae growth. We have encouraged the City to add the products earlier and we feel they have waited too long to have the products work effectively. The board has spoken to the City about helping them purchase products, if needed, to apply them more frequently throughout the warmer months. This is why we raise money, to keep a clean and healthy lake.
- Well Agreement with The City, Mark Hontz: Mark has been talking to Rachelle Richard, City Manager, about the progress the City is making in taking over the liability of the well. We started this process in February. We are hopeful that this vote will be presented at a City Council meeting soon and that the City will vote to release us from the agreement. Regardless, we will be turning off the well by January to avoid our ongoing liability and extra insurance costs that we have carried since 2014.
- Lake Perimeter Clean Up, Nancy Hair: The City did a great job on a "pre" clean up and we had a good turnout and accomplished a lot. This is an "instant gratification" day. We appreciate all who came out to help.
- Round Table: The well is off and we do not know why. Olan Kaigel will call Filipponi and Thompson about going to check. Nancy Hair will contact Nick Debar about the installation of our lake perimeter sign on lake hydrology.