

WONA General Meeting #6
Chuck & Evette at Cypress Senior Center
January 26, 2015 – 7:00 to 8:27 p.m.

Sign-in attendance: 58. Facilitator: Daphna Woolfe

Announcement of the meeting had been sent to the members on the membership roll. Fliers had been distributed. The Center allowed us to set up at 6:30 and do our fruit swap. A sign up sheet was available at the door.

The guest speakers were a team from CSO, the San Jose Community Services Organization (Charles “Chuck” Hill and Evette Marchand). Chuck and Evette work “District Nora” in which WONA is located. CSO is sometimes called “the civilization of the police department”, helping to reduce 911 call wait times. Presently there are 22 non-sworn officers, unarmed [do carry MACE], who handle non-arrest police work (e.g., neighborhood watch, missing persons search, burglary follow-up). Their tips to WONA about security were both enlightening and humorous.

A business meeting followed the CSO presentation. Jim summarized the by-laws changes that the WONA board has found necessary, noting that they are on the website. The quorum for the meeting (i.e., 15% of the members of record) was 33. Election of officers was by written ballot [tellers: Nathan Lee & Stan Soles]. Barbara Emerson counted 39 ballots cast and all four incumbents were re-elected: president - Daphna Woolfe; vice president - vacant, as incumbent resigned after the cut-off for candidates to declare; secretary - Jim Reyner; treasurer - Barbara Emerson; communications officer - Bill Cope. Carlos Cruz was thanked for his interest in running for the communications officer position. When questioned on replacing the vacant vice president office, Daphna noted that those interested in the position should contact a board member, as previously requested in emails and on Nextdoor.

The city is expected to publish a decision on the Henry Crosswalk momentarily, and an opportunity for public comment is expected. Matt Kampar was briefly introduced, as D1 council member Chappie Jones’ assistant on traffic and land use.

Federal Realty’s (FR) project around Century 21 has been dubbed “Santana West”, and Daphna reported that the WRSHOA/WONA committee formed to work with FR now numbers 24 souls and membership is open for those interested in what promises to be a long-term project.

Kirk Vartan (Win6) is likely to present an update at our next meeting (3/16), as Santa Clara is doing due diligence investigation prior to issuing an RFP (request for proposal).

Bill Cope emphasized the importance for all members of WONA to be on Nextdoor, and plans to set up a training opportunity soon.

Barbara Emerson reported ~ \$1,500 in the WONA checking account. The drawing for two door prizes featured Kirk Vartan's donation of \$20 gift cards for "Slice of New York".

The next general membership meetings plan to feature Mayor Sam Liccardo on March 16th and Scot Valle (in charge of development for Westfield/Valley Fair) on May 18th

Respectfully Submitted,

Jim Reyner, Secretary of WONA