



MINUTES - EDUCATION COMMITTEE MEETING

Tuesday, May 29, 2018 – 6:30 pm – 8:00 pm

Platt Branch Library

23600 Victory Boulevard, Woodland Hills, CA 91367

Agenda

Call to order – 6:38 p.m. by Chairman, Bill Anderson

Pledge of Allegiance – by Chairman, Bill Anderson

Roll Call – by Chairman, Bill Anderson

- Present: Bill Anderson (Chair), Dan Chernow, Carma Lu Thompson. Absent: Paul Lawler, Eva Morris-Huffman, Joyce Fletcher (ex officio). QUORUM 3 at 6:38 p.m.

Approval of Minutes: No minutes were approved as this was the committee's 1st meeting

Public Comment: No one asked for time for public comment

Items for Committee discussion and possible action:

1. Committee FY 2019 Goals

a. Discussion of what the committee wants accomplish

As this was its 1st meeting, the Committee discussed its objectives for FY 2019. As all were new, the Committee was of the opinion that this would be an “organizing year” establishing, “Who we are;” “What we need to do;” “How are we going to do it.” The Committee would focus on real time three projects – a school poster contest; a “public conversation” with the local two School Board representatives; meetings with local school Principals to learn their needs and to establish our presence.

b. Possible projects & partnerships

- Poster Contest for Woodland Hills Elementary Schools
The WHWCNC has been approached by the West Valley Chamber of Commerce to do a poster contest for the Woodland Hills public elementary schools as a part of the “Fall Festival” it is planning for Saturday, 27 October at the Woodland Hills Recreation Center on Shoup Avenue. Art supplies for the contest are to be given to the students with an NPG given to each of the six elementary schools as well. Prizes for winners in each grade would be donated. It was reported that the Tarzana NC did a similar poster contest last spring with bicycles being donated by local businesses as prizes. Preliminary conversations with Tarzana NC people provided information on event cost.

- Public Conversation with Area 3 and 4 LAUSD School Board Representatives

The Committee discussed the need for both the community and the NC to have better understanding of the issues with which the School Board is grappling. With the recent hiring of a new LAUSD School Superintendent, it was thought that this was particularly important. The “public conversation about schools and curriculum” would not include speeches by the representatives but rather questions from the Committee. The issue of school safety would be an area that needed to be explored as well. An open “Q&A” for stakeholders would be a part of the program. The Committee felt that holding such an event in February would be the best.

- Meetings with local school Principals

The Committee discussed the need to get to know the local school principals. It was felt that this could best be accomplished by going to the schools and meeting individually with each principal to discuss their concerns and introduce them to the WHWCNC and the Education Committee. A “leave behind” would be needed.

c. Discussion of Committee work assignments

The Committee discussed the need to follow education issues at the City Council and State levels. Work assignments for this and assignments for the possible projects was postponed until the Committee has a better understanding how the year will be structured.

2. Committee FY 2019 Budget Request

The Committee Chair informed the Committee that the Committee budget needed to submitted to the WHWCNC Budget Committee the next night, 30 May. The Committee would formulate the WHWCNC budget and bring it to the WHWCNC Board for a vote at its 13 June meeting. The finalized WHWCNC Budget for FY 2019 needed to submitted to the City of Los Angeles no later than 29 June. This deadline has been moved up two months from previous years. The Committee discussed the Committee budget for the projects identified for FY 2019. Chairman Bill Anderson yielded the meeting gavel to Dan Chernow.

Bill Anderson made the following motion which was **seconded by Carma Lu Thompson**:

Be it moved that the WHWCNC Education Committee will do a poster contest involving the Woodland Hills public elementary schools as a part of the West Valley Chamber Commerce’s Fall Festival to be held on or about 27 October 2018 with the cost of said contest to the WHWCNC in an amount not to exceed five thousand dollars (\$5,000.00).

Vote: Yes – 3 - Bill Anderson, Dan Chernow, Carma Lu Thompson

No – 0; Abstain – 0

Dan Chernow returned the meeting gavel to Bill Anderson.

Dan Chernow made the following motion which was **seconded by Carma Lu Thompson**:

Be it moved that the WHWCNC Education Committee begin the initial planning for a “School Board Public Forum” featuring the LAUSD School Board Representatives from Districts 3 and 4 with questions to be presented by the WHWCNC Education Committee and from the members of the public present, costs for said event to be determined but not to exceed one thousand dollars (\$1,000.00).

Vote: Yes – 3 - Bill Anderson, Dan Chernow, Carma Lu Thompson
No – 0; Abstain – 0

Announcements:

The next meeting of the WHWCNC Education Committee will be held on Tuesday, 26 June, 2018.

Adjournment of meeting: Chairman Bill Anderson adjourned the meeting at 7:10 p.m.

Minutes: Submitted by Education Committee Chairman Bill Anderson.