

volunteers logged 4100 hours; four major events raised money (Sundae in the Park, History Days, Ghost Tours, Friendship Tea), and the Park alone raised \$8,000; Dedication of the Old St. Rose of Lima Church was held at Strathearn; a Ferris Wheel Exhibit was entered at the Fair; the Volunteer of Year was honored; nine new docents were added to the roster; the Society's book sold well at Border's; the Visitors Center and exhibits were upgraded; they submitted a CDBG Application Grant for the Apricot Pitting Shed restoration project; the Banaga Barbershop was located at Strathearn. She also reviewed some of the plans for 2008, and thanked the District for its continued partnership and support.

- (B) Presentation of the Employee of the Month for February 2008 to Debbi Clarke, Receptionist/Clerk 35-08-b

Debbi Clarke was presented with the Employee of the Month award and the Chair congratulated her for all her years of service and for always being a good employee. He said that she is a great representative of the District. General Manager added that Debbi cares a great deal about the District and the people it serves, which is shown with the many informed answers that she provides the public on a daily basis. She understands the programs, the parks, their locations and amenities, and this is a great testament to her dedication, hard work and years of service. Debbi thanked everyone for the award.

VI. CONSENT AGENDA:

- (A) Approval of Check Registers: 2/29/08 (payroll); 2/22/08 (payables)

ACTION: Director Freeman moved to Approve Consent Agenda Item A; Director O'Brien seconded the motion. Motion carried.

VII. CONTINUED BUSINESS:

None.

VIII. NEW BUSINESS:

- (A) Approval of Award of Contract for the Slurry Seal and Re-Striping at Various District Parks Project 7-08-b

ACTION: Director Hostetler moved to Approve Award of Contract for the Slurry Seal and Re-Striping at Various District Parks Project; Director Freeman seconded the motion. Motion carried.

- (B) Report on District Park Ranger Program (Oral)

Business and Accounting Supervisor Pennington and Sr. Park Ranger DeRosa gave a Powerpoint presentation on the Park Ranger Program, which included information about: its organization; the equipment used; their responsibilities; examples of special events worked and special assignments; procedures for warnings and citations; number of verbal

warnings, and citations issued in 2007; examples of graffiti and vandalism; Rangers' years of experience. Staff answered some questions regarding the Special Event Rangers and special assignments.

(C) Presentation of New Teen Cooperative Movie Night Program with Simi Valley Town Center Mall (Oral)

Dylan Gunning, Recreation Program Instructor, gave a Powerpoint presentation to review the new concept of the District's participation in a 10-week summer Movie Night Program at the Town Center Mall. He said that interest was expressed in this idea by the teens at the recent Youth Summit. The mall is already a popular destination for teens, and the program would provide some entertainment, help increase traffic at the mall and produce revenue for the stores and other businesses located there. He provided information on the program, including: use of a giant screen and projector for showing movies, publicity plans; equipment rentals; potential locations at the mall, responsibilities and staffing of program; old-style Drive-in Movie plans. He answered questions raised about: security, fees, and FM broadcasting to vehicles at the Drive-in Movie.

IX. WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS:

None.

X. REPORTS BY BOARD MEMBERS:

Director Freeman, with Director O'Brien, attended a S.V. Historical Society Committee meeting. She reported on various items discussed, including: a termite investigation report was heard, which matter will be brought back to the Board as a budget item; the Pitting Shed is under construction, a citizen committee will be meeting for the Banaga CDBG application on March 24th; Karla Hubbell got a potential grant from Alcoa (employees work 40 hrs., equating to \$3,000).

Director Freeman attended Tree Advisory Committee meeting. She said they discussed Arbor Day, which will be a bigger event this year. She reviewed some of the planned events, displays, demonstrations and groups participating in the festivities. She also said that gift cards will be given out to art poster contest winners, trees will be planted in honor of certain individuals, free trees and compost will be given out, and many more activities.

Director Freeman said she really enjoyed the Youth Summit, and said it included a group of really good, positive kids.

Director O'Brien attended the S.V. Historical Society Committee meeting, which was already discussed.

Director O'Brien said the award entry on Big Sky Park for the CARPD Conference really looks good.

Director O'Brien reminded everyone that the S.V. Education Foundation Gala is on Saturday, March 8th, and tickets are \$150. The Seniors Center pancake breakfast is the following Saturday.

Director Hostetler attended the CPRS Conference in Long Beach. He met with a vendor regarding a climbing wall for pools, and said it looks nice. He said he received some research paperwork on it, and reviewed some of the information. They recommend having a designated lifeguard monitoring the aqua climb when in use, and having an unobstructed view of the wall, drop zone, and underwater.

Vice Chair Johnson attended a Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy meeting. They reviewed "Going Green" and applying it to SMMC's land. In order to make the State "green" throughout, this initiative is studying the saving of water throughout the State, how it runs throughout and how various water venues connect, reviewing land mass and public land, looking at how to save water and get the community's involvement. After the initial study, they felt it is very feasible to do. They will go to universities for additional land research, and will provide the information to SMMC in three months. He also reported that there was no item on the meeting agenda that directly affected R.S.R.P.D.

Chair Meredith attended the Youth Summit and said there was a nice group of kids in attendance.

Chair Meredith attended the Boys and Girls Club Recognition lunch, and reported that the Park District was presented an award.

Chair Meredith attended the Simi Valley Boy's Baseball at Knolls, and Girls Softball opening day ceremonies. He said the events were wonderful and there was great spirit displayed by all. He talked about the Knolls baseball fields and said he has suggested to staff the use of Corriganville as a possible location for fields.

Chair Meredith reported that the Simi Valley Days issues, which were discussed at prior board meetings, have been resolved for this year.

Chair Meredith attended the CPRS Conference in Long Beach. He reported that he will continue to be on the CAPRCBM Citizens Branch Pacific Southwest representative and Board Member. He said the Mayor of Long Beach attended, and expressed some nice comments about the timeless structure, consistency and wonderful work of the parks and recreation agencies. Chair Meredith said our Park District is one of the best.

XI. REPORT BY GENERAL MANAGER:

General Manager attended CAPRI Personnel, CAPRI Board, and PARDEC Board meetings in Sacramento on Tuesday and Wednesday this week. He reported that the efforts to combine the two organizations continue on track for July 1st. They approved adding a Claims Clerk position to the CAPRI staff as the Administrator of PARDEC retires. The transition will also

fund any consulting services Mr. McMurchie is required to provide. He also said he will be attending the CARPD Board meeting, with the CAPRI Administrator and Chair Meredith, in Sacramento to help answer questions about the upcoming merger.

General Manager stated that our workers compensation premiums are based upon our loss history and that he was pleased to report that the District's loss history is the lowest of all 47 agencies that are members of PARDEC. The District's loss history was the lowest of all these agencies in 2008, 2007, and 2005, and the lowest of all agencies when combining the last five years. He said we can be very proud of our employees' safety records. We have successfully minimized injuries by putting safety first, and are in a better financial position as a result.

General Manager said he will be unable to attend the State of the City Address as he will be attending the CARPD Board meeting.

XII. CLOSED SESSION

None.

XIII. ADJOURNMENT: Director Hostetler moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:37 p.m.; Vice Chair Johnson seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Larry Peterson, District Clerk