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**Final**  
**MEETING MINUTES**  
**October 3, 2012**

**Chaminade College Preparatory, 23260 Saticoy Street, West Hills, CA 91304**

**Attendance:**

**Present:** Sandi Bell, Dan Brin, Robert Brostoff, Edwin Dockus, Carolyn Greenwood, Donn Howell, Elliot Maggin, Walter Perfect, Bill Rose, Charlene Rothstein, Ron Sobel, Bobbi Trantafello, Alec Uzemeck, Joanne Yvanek-Garb, Ed Young and Jacquie Young

**Absent/Excused:** Bonnie Klea, Stephen Lenske and Chris Rowe

**Opening Business:**

Co-Chair, Mr. Edwin Dockus established a quorum, called the meeting to order.

Secretary, Ms. Carolyn Greenwood moved that we use the time agenda. Motion passed (12-2-0).

Mr. Dockus went over a few housekeeping rules and that we must leave the premises as we found them. Mr. Dockus asked that while someone is speaking that we show him or her courtesy by not interrupting.

**Announcements:**

Mr. Erik Richardson, CD 12 Deputy Field Representative thanked everyone for attending the election and 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary celebration at Shadow Ranch Park. Mr. Richardson reviewed Councilman Englander's position on several current issues.

**Presentation:**

Mr. Dan Brin introduced Mr. Chris Kolski. Mr. Kolski stated he is running a grass roots campaign for the California Assembly. Mr. Kolski immigrated from Poland 53 years ago, has lived in California for the last 50 years and is currently a resident of West Hills. Mr. Kolski stated that the reason he wants to represent the valley in the California Assembly is because he feels that we are not currently being represented. Mr. Kolski stated that the government is no longer listening to the people. They pander to their constituents.

Mr. Kolski stated he would listen, would restore a pro-business climate in California and that is why he wants to represent us in the California Assembly.

**Public Comment:**

Stakeholder, Ms. Lori Yalem asked that we support proposition 37. Ms. Yalem stated that this hits her personally as she grew up in Iowa and she lost her summer job picking soy beans after they stated genetically modifying them.

Board member, Ms. Carolyn Greenwood stated that she heard from several attendees at the West Hills Celebration about our oversight in not including Mr. Chuck Gremer who was extremely instrumental in forming and having the West Hills Neighborhood Council certified.

Board member, Ms. Sandi Bell stated that all those who took the time to vote in our election touched her. She hopes to honor them by being fair and representing their wishes.

Board member, Dr. Dan Wiseman advised that there is a meeting this Saturday with the DWP and urged all to attend. Dr. Wiseman stated that the Budget Advocates are becoming active again.

**Council Announcements:**

Co-chair, Mr. Edwin Dockus stated that he was advised that the earliest the election could be certified is tomorrow and if it is challenged it would take more time. Mr. Dockus asked Mr. Dan Brin to give a preliminary update on the election results. Mr. Brin went over the preliminary results advising there were 13 provisional ballots to be handled and that two of the candidates have withdrawn.

The matter of voters having to provide identification to vote was raised. After discussion, Mr. Bob Brostoff moved that the secretary verify that at a board meeting the requirement that voters be required to provide identification was approved. Motion failed as it was stated that the point is moot as the election is over.

Board member, Ms. Joanne Yvanek-Garb stated that the Mayor's Community Budget Day is going to be Saturday, November 17<sup>th</sup> at City Hall. Ms. Yvanek-Garb advised to have budget representatives at this event they need to be elected at the next meeting.

Board member, Mr. Dan Brin spoke about touring historical sites in the valley. Mr. Brin advised that he intends to invite Chuck and Gracie Gremer to our next meeting.

Board member, Mr. Wally Perfect advised that the Zoning & Planning meeting is at the 911 Call center next Monday at 6:30. They will be discussing the General Plan.

Board member, Ms. Charlene Rothstein stated that Citrus Sunday was a success even with fewer schools participating. With the lower participation, they did not spend the projected \$500.

Board member and Chair of the 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Committee, Mr. Ed Young presented Certificates of Appreciation to Mr. Dan Brin, Mr. Bill Rose, Mr. Bob Brostoff, Mr. Berry Seybert, Mr. Ron Sobel, Ms. Bobbi Trantafello, Ms. Joanne Yvanek-Garb and Ms. Jacquie Young for their contributions to the success of the anniversary celebration.

The minutes of August 1, 2012 were approved. (11-1-0)

The minutes of September 5, 2012 were approved as corrected (12-0-0)

The minutes of September 20, 2012 were approved. (11-1-1)

Treasurer, Ms. Bobbi Trantafello advised that as of September there is a net income of \$26,374.62. There are a couple of bills for the election and anniversary celebration to be paid.

**Old Business:**

**12-0001** – Discussion and possible action regarding findings and recommendations by the Grievance Committee regarding four (4) separate grievances filed against West Hills Neighborhood Council Board Member. Mr. Bob Brostoff

Grievance Committee Chair, Mr. Donn Howell reviewed the four (4) grievances and the vote at the July 11, 2012 meeting for censure, aka public reprimand, adopting the Grievance Committee Findings against Board Member, Mr. Robert Brostoff. He presented the four page document that shall be made a part of the official minutes and that it will be published wherever the formal minutes of this meeting are posted with a copy provided to the Los Angeles City Department of Neighborhood Empowerment and to Councilman Mitchell Englander, 12<sup>th</sup> Council District. (See Attached)

Mr. Bob Brostoff referred to an e-mail he received from Amelia Herrera from the Department of Neighborhood Empowerment, which stated that this action was not appropriate. Mr. Brostoff stated he is making a formal protest – he is disputing the idea that the Board can take this action.

Ms. Carolyn Greenwood called for the Orders of the Day in accord with the approved timed agenda.

8:45 Meeting was adjourned