Guadalupe Group Meeting Minutes, August 2nd 2017

Attendees: Gary Latshaw, Charles Schafer, Molly Cox, Dave Poeschel (phone), Ralph Murrieta, Shawn Britton

Meeting called to order 7:16PM

Molly gave a summary of last night’s Loma Prieta Chapter ExComm meeting.

Banking Update: Ralph opened an account with TechCU. A motion was made to give Ralph Murrieta and Gary Latshaw signature authority for the Tech CU account. The motion was approved.

Upcoming Speakers:

August – Justin Burks – saving precious water

September – Dave’s contact from Santa Clara Open Space Authority to talk about Coyote Valley

October – Inconvenient Sequel discussion?

Chapter/Group Elections:

Last year, Gary and Mary Ellen were elected as Guadalupe Group ExComm members. This year, Ralph, Shawn, and Molly are slated to run for ExComm. We need to let Sue Chow know the candidates for the election. Potential ExCommers – Dave Poeschel, John Cordes, Melissa Hippard, Suds Jain?

Action: Gary – Talk to James about CCE San Jose supporters for potential ExComm members

Action: Molly – Talk to Susan DesJardins about joining ExComm

Environmental Stewardship Program:

Molly met with James Eggers to get ideas on starting an ESP for the Guadalupe Group. James thought we could add elements to our monthly General Meetings to accomplish the same thing as the ESP. Four major improvements to our monthly meetings would be needed:

Provide a decent amount of good food for attendees.
Plan a series of topics and advertise these on the Sierra Club Chapter and Group websites.
Include an action item for each meeting
Link the topic with a hike, and include a conservation message. James is willing to help us find local speakers to come to our ESP.

Molly is meeting with Sue Chow and the PRG ESP group on Friday to see what their plans are and get more info.

Action: Gary – Find out if we can have food in the library’s meeting room.

We discussed starting out with a Series of 4 as a pilot, starting in February

Viva Calle San Jose September 17, 10-3
Gary checked – we don’t have the staff to man a corner
Action – Gary – check on Tabling opportunities, donate $100 for event

Fall Festival – Cupertino
Pass on tabling at this event: not much interest at last year’s event

Other Business:

Adam Gold is a Sierra Club member who wants to get more involved, particularly in the area of air pollution. In a phone call with Gary, Gold is involved with a company that makes low cost pollution sensors that connect wirelessly. Maybe there is potential for a pilot project?

Meeting Adjourned: 8:43PM