Tarzana Neighborhood Council

Joint Budget  & Finance Committee

Minutes of February, 22, 2017

Present- Harvey Goldberg, Chairman; Max Flehinger, Vice Chairman,  Eran Heissler, Jonathan Reich, Ken Schwartz, Bob Shmaeff.

Board Members --Esther Wieder, Elliot Durant attending for their presentations. Susan Lord, as a guest

Mohamed Tantawi - appearing for Tarzana Elementary School.

1) The Chairman called the meeting to order at 7:12 PM.

2)  There were no public comments.

3)  The minutes of January 18,, 2017 were reviewed and approved unanimously on motion by Eran seconded by Bob.

4) The Committee. reviewed the January 2017 expenditures for submission to DONE (MER report) and upon motion by Jon seconded by Max, the Committee approved the submission unanimously.

5) The  Committee reviewed and approved the Financial Statement as of Jan 31, 2017, as submitted by the Chairman, unanimously upon the motion by Jon, seconded by Max.

6) The Committee. then reviewed the request from the WH-Tarzana Community Benefit Foundation for a NPG for $1,500 dollars  to fund a $250 grant to each of the 6 schools that will participate in the Art Poster contest related to Earth Day 2017. Funds to come from unallocated. After discussion the committee voted to approve the allocation unanimously upon motion by Max seconded by Eran.

7) Esther requested on behalf of the Outreach Committee to increase the budget for poster paper from $550 to $700 because the Committee anticipates that there will be an additional 400 students participating in the Earth Day Poster Contest. Funds to come from Unallocated and be classified as Outreach, Events, Earth Day, Poster Paper. After discussion  and upon motion by Jon seconded by Max the committee voted unanimously to increase this expenditure.

8) At this point Esther Wieder recused herself.

Mohamed Tantawi appeared on behalf of Tarzana Elementary School requesting a NPG for $4,996.70 to fund the renewal of their Accelerated Reading Program for 402 students for the 2017/2018 school year to come from Unallocated. Mohamed presented the goals of the program and  its accomplishments. The program served 387 students last year and expect this year's program to attract 402 students. The students using computers extensively are tested 4 times a year and the average student has accelerated in their reading ability. The student progress compared favorably with district and state statistics. Renaissance Learning is the system supplier.

After discussion and upon motion by Bob seconded by Jon the Committee approved this expenditure unanimously.

Bob left the meeting at this point.

9) Esther Wieder rejoined the meeting.

Elliot Durant appeared on behalf of the Public Safety Committee and requested  the approval of a $3,000 expenditure for the purchase of Neighborhood Watch Signs. Funds to come from Unallocated. The Chairman suggested that the Public Safety Committee meet with the local police  to get their input as to the location and number of signs needed. Elliot agreed and  further stated that he would work with local officials to get their permission as to location and what other permissions may be needed. The signs will indicate that the funds came from the TNC. Elliot will donate the necessary hardware. Elliot will appear at our next meeting to further discuss the program.

10)  There were no further comments by the members.

11) The next meeting has been tentatively scheduled for Mar. 22 at 7:PM

12) The meeting was adjourned at 7:54 PM.

Submitted by,

Ken Schwartz, Acting Secretary