



**SEMCU Foundation
MEETING AGENDA
Tuesday, May 21, 2024, at 6:00PM
In-Person at Madera County Library
and Virtual Meeting**

Call to Order – 6:07

Roll Call

- Igal Treibatch (in person)
- Verlaine Elinburg (in person)
- Al Solis (by phone)
- Sarbjit Johal (online)
- Robin Konegni (online)
- Summer Skov (in person)
- Sonja Skov (in person)
- Claudia Jones (in person)
- Steve Garranger (in person)
- Susan Garranger (in person)
- Mike Schuster (online)

Previous Meeting Minutes – Change donation amount

- Motion: to approve by Igal
- 2nd: Summer
- Vote: Motion carried

Public Comments – Proposed Truck Stop (corner of 145 & Roade 36) - Steve Garranger spoke on a project that needs to be reviewed where a truck stop is proposed on the SE corner of 145 and 36. It will have fuel islands primarily for diesel but also for gas and EV charging; proposed Subway and mini-mart inside. Estimated 400 people/day. Main entrance will be on Road 36; one also on 145. Concerns are:

- Increased short-term traffic from construction
- Increased long-term traffic to the location after completion
- Increase in vehicular accidents
- No plans to widen the road for traffic to exit/enter, even though their study shows the need
- 145 already has a large amount of gravel trucks traveling on it; this will add a bottleneck
- Road 36 is not built to sustain the current gravel truck use, nor this increase
- They plan to add a left-turn lane on Road 36 without widening it
- Increased water consumption during project and after completion (4,320+ gallons/day)
- Limited/no communication from developer; project notices only to a few people
- Sarbjit suggested to do a public demonstrations/rallies w/media, at the Madera County building to gain attention to the issue

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- First upcoming public meeting w/ Board of Supervisors – June 4th
- Suggestion to do an article in local Ranchos Independent paper

☐ Officer Reports

- Financial Report from Verlaine Elinburg, Treasurer
 - Funds Report
 - Starting: \$4,487.86
 - Purchases: \$920 for Flatlander’s Fair
 - Pending Invoices: \$35, \$67, \$86 totaling \$2,718.05
 - Ending: \$1,630 (estimate)

- Follow-up: Margaritas and Lunch (Annual Scholarship Fundraiser) at the Mahils’ - May 5th - Verlaine and Summer attended from our group. Gave away extra tickets to those who help her with events

- IRWMG Report from Al Solis
 - Did not meet in May
 - April meeting approved new memberships approved to be part of IRWMG
 - Accounting discussion – Contract to be reviewed
 - IRWMG Contract with Coordinator (Jacob Robertson) approved for a one-year renewal

- Flatlander’s Parade & Fair Report from Igal Treibatch
 - Parade – Location worked well; should have done this new location years ago
 - Fair (Yard Sale) – More room on H.S. parking lot – Very active first 2 hours - \$762 w/ a LOT of leftover items.
 - Leftovers – Verlaine volunteering to try to sell some items at her place. Igal motions to donate leftover items to group/s in Madera:
 - 2nd: Summer
 - Vote: All approved
 - Kite-Flying Contest – Low wind and no one showed up. Mike from Chamber noticed 3 kids showed up after we left, so he declared them the winners (\$50 each). Will try to get their names to put them in the newspaper next month.

- Grant-Writing Monthly Meeting Report from Robin Konegni
 - Occurred 2nd Tuesday of May (14th)
 - Attended by: Robin, Verlaine
 - Discussed how to proceed
 - Sarbjit suggested deciding first determining our need, then researching
 - Sarbjit suggested applying for casino grants (Chukchansi Gold Resort & Casino) – Igal noted that SEMCU applied in the past and didn’t get any grant though them but should try
 - Igal suggested a preliminary phone call with the Habitat for Humanity director
 - Igal suggested focusing on grants for parks, schools, community center, roads

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New Business Discussion Items

- o Flatlander's 2025 – How to change it for 2025.
 - Yard Sale & Donations – Cash for Clothes Suggestion by Robin
 - How to get volunteers to help next year – Verlaine did most of the work in 2024

- o 4-page SEMCU Donor Flyer **Update**
 - Amounts to donate changed to \$25K, \$15K, \$10K, \$5K, and \$1,500
 - List of Potential Donors to Mail to – Using list of vendors Greystone does business with
 - Igal, Dov, and Scott to call some of the vendors
 - Igal drafted a letter to mail to all of these vendors – Going out next week

- o Monthly Article in Ranchos Independent – SEMCU Speaks – Dov volunteering one article?
 - April article – Last month Igal mentioned an email from Madera Farm Bureau on 68% loss of family farming & State proposing taking full control of water allocation. Igal writing.
 - May article – Went out after parade – Verlaine drafted article on donations received
 - June article – Who will write post-Flatlander's Parade & Fair article? – IGAL to contact DOV

- o Volunteer Appreciation – Rewarding students who passed out SEMCU flyers & helped at Flatlander's - Mike spoke with Arpy Imirian, the Liberty HS Activities Director, who said the students like food over gift cards. Igal said to get their names.
 - Motion: Donate gift cards for pizza
 - 2nd: Sarbjit
 - Vote: All approved

- o Next Subject – New Board Member
 - Motion: from Igal to make Claudia Zonsius a board member
 - 2nd: AI
 - Vote: All approved

Next Foundation Meeting – Tuesday, June 18th, at 6:00pm

Adjournments – Igal moved to adjourn, AI 2nd