



California State Grange Foundation

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1 **Minutes of the December 13, 2020 – Virtual Format**

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3 The Meeting of the California State Grange Foundation was called to Order by Steven Hood,
4 President, at 9:05 AM.

5 6 **Roll Call of Directors** – Bill Booth, Secretary

7 President, Steven Hood; Treasurer, Martha Stefenoni; Secretary, Bill Booth; Board
8 Members Joseph Stefenoni, Lillian Booth, Katie Squire, Kent Westwood, Will Shaw and
9 Christina Webster present. Vice President, Erica Kroesen and Rachel Britton absent.

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11 Approval of Minutes – Kent Westwood moved to approve minutes of November 2020 meeting,
12 seconded by Will Shaw. Motion carried by vote of Directors, with no opposition.

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14 Treasurer Report – Martha Stefenoni. At the close of November, the balance of fund on hand
15 was \$28,265.53. We currently owe the State Grange \$1,755 in startup fund advanced
16 previously.

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18 Introduction of Marty Lopez, a broker with Charles Schwab for 21 years. He is also a member of
19 Central Union Grange. Mr. Lopez advised us to develop an investment policy statement. We will
20 need to determine our goals for return on our invested funds. He also advised us to avoid various
21 classes of investment that carried a high risk. The Board asked several questions of Mr. Lopez who
22 expressed his willingness to continue to act in an advisory capacity.

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24 Scholarship Fund Chairman, Katie Squire reported that we may have enough funds on hand to
25 present a small scholarship in 2021.

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27 Policies and Procedures for the Foundation - Chairman: Bill Booth reported that all of the
28 policies and procedures adopted at the previous meeting have now been incorporated in to the
29 policies/procedure manual.

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31 Grange Foundation Development Chairman not present. Moved by Kent Westwood, seconded
32 by Bill Booth that we reset the target date for the appeal to the CSG membership to Mid-Year
33 2021 to allow time to develop a quality product. Motion carried by vote of Directors, with no
34 opposition.

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36 Fire Assistance Donations: After discussion it was moved by Katie Squire and seconded by
37 Martha Stefenoni that we ask members who suffered damage for the California Wildfires
38 contact us. It was also part of the motion to advise CSG members who do not itemize
39 deductions of the ability to donation up to \$300 to approved charities. Motion carried by vote
40 of Directors, with no opposition. Lillian will take care of Mad Mimi notices.

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42 Discussion of the President's Letter was held. After some word smithing it was decided to send
43 letter to CSG members via Mad Mimi.

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45 Pass Through Donations, to specific funds, etc. was discussed. Martha Stefenoni moved and Bill
46 Booth seconded that the foundation will not collect any administrative fees when processing
47 these type of donations. Motion carried by vote of Directors, with no opposition. This will be
48 added to our Policy/Procedure manual.

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50 The Grant Assistance to Granges from the prior meeting was again discussed and it was
51 determined that the Foundation was not currently in a financial position to move further with
52 this ideal.

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54 Venmo account – Secretary directed to proceed with setting up a Venmo Account.

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56 Lillian Booth reminded directors that we need to advertise to our members. We are all familiar
57 with the menu of McDonalds, but they still advertise! Board was directed by President Hood to
58 work on ideas for mini ads that can be sent out quarterly

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60 Discussion on Facebook campaigns as a way to seek donations was discussed. President Hood
61 setup one for his birthday, asking that donations be made to the Foundation. We will monitor
62 the results of this campaign.

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64 NEW BUSINESS:

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66 Sierra Fresh proposal to partner with them was received. They were asking us to use our
67 existing Foundation as an umbrella till they were able to get their own foundation set up. It
68 was moved by Martha Stefenoni and seconded by Bill Booth to decline the offer as it does not
69 fit with our goals and mission. But we would offer advice on how to startup their foundation. .
70 Motion carried by vote of Directors, with no opposition. Secretary instructed to notify them of
71 our decision.

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73 Martha Stefenoni moved and Lillian Booth seconded that we set our next meeting in
74 conjunction with the next Board meeting of the CSG. Motion carried by vote of Directors, with
75 no opposition.

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77 Adjourn meeting at 11:01 AM.

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79 Submitted By:

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81 Foundation Secretary