

**STNC**  
**Special Meeting**  
**Joint Board and Youth & Adult Education Committee**  
**MINUTES**  
**Thursday, May 5, 2022**

1. **Call to Order** – Lallah Rowe, Chair
2. **Opening Comments by Chair** - Thank you for being here - we are getting things done.
3. **Approved minutes of prior meeting on 4/7/2022**
4. **Discussion/Possible Action of Coordination with Outreach Committee**
  - a. Lallah will work to understand how the system works for how alerts are sent out and to whom. It is ill-understood at this time by many people. Lallah will work with Cindy to learn. Notices of Town Hall meetings go through this system for everyone we have an email for. Would like to increase the emails also.
5. **Discussion/ Possible Action: Next Town Hall meeting.**
  - a) **Water Talk.** Time to re-engage Water Talk for a Town Hall meeting, tentatively set for May 26, 2022. Water Talk will team up with the LA County Safe Clean Water program for the Town Hall zoom meeting. Water Talk will shut down shortly for the year so if we can get the meeting in soon, it won't be delayed. A previous briefing to STNC was very interesting.

From the Water Talks web site (<https://watertalks.csusb.edu/what-is-watertalks-2>):

*WaterTalks is a public program designed to generate and increase community involvement in planning a sustainable water future for California. Its goal is to explore the strengths and opportunities of 128 communities in the Los Angeles and Ventura counties facing ongoing economic and environmental distress, and to gather input to prioritize and recommend water-related projects based on issues of greatest concern.*

*WaterTalks aims to ensure that regional water resource management considers the health, safety, welfare, and resiliency of lower-income community members. To do so, WaterTalks is providing a series of community events for the benefit of local residents to do the following:*

1. *Raise questions and concerns about their water-related issues*
2. *Provide crucial input regarding their community's water needs, possible solutions*
3. *Learn about the State's most current water related topics. These include drinking water, water conservation, flood management, drainage, vector control, access to parks and recreation, and the overall health of our watersheds.*

*Participation in a WaterTalks Community events will help ensure communities' needs, concerns, questions, and insights become part of the State's future water projects.*

- b) **Ed's course late August.** "Survival Finance Basics" Town Hall meeting.

**6. Discussion/possible action: Nomination for Youth as committee member**

- a. Making no headway on this one. There is a (youth) group in the LAPD Foothill Division that may have some students that would be interested. Lallah will inquire.

**7. Report on Creation of Calendar/Social Media**

- a. No update. There is an email system for newsletters that we might be able to use. Lallah will inquire to see if we can get a regular newsletter out. Ed might be credentialed to use "Constant Contact" also.

**8. Reports/Updates on previously approved activities:**

- a. **Fire Hardening Training 20 & 21 May 2022.** *From previous minutes: training would help local community members to be able to evaluate how a home can be 'hardened' for fire-prevention. The training would include a trainer and be in three (3) sections, with an evening virtual meeting in the morning and also a morning virtual meeting. The third meeting would take place in a (volunteer's) home (TBD) where attendees could practice doing an evaluation and identify vulnerabilities of the house to protect it in event of wild fire. Free to the public. Home Hardening Training to take place May 20th (evening 5:30-7:30pm), May 21 (morning 9am -12pm), and afternoon 2-4 pm (in-person) offered by the Santa Monica Mountains (RCDSMM). Maximum 30 people. Pauline Allen said that people could contact her if there were any questions at [Palen@rcdsmm.org](mailto:Palen@rcdsmm.org).*
- b. **Speech Craft program 15 May 2022** May be a week later due to a conflict where web access has been a problem. Available for adults and for young people (age 10 up) also. Sunday evenings 4-7pm starting TBD end of May, on zoom. Will get a chance to do 2-3 speeches depending on number of people attending. From previous minutes: *Susan Stuart, part of local Toastmasters Club, will be leading a program to provide basic training for public speaking with one other member of the Toastmasters Club. A Speech Craft Certificate is will given at the end of the program.*
- c. **Drug Education program.** Still looking for a venue; may need to do it virtually as a Town Hall.
- d. **Establishment of Youth Council Program** On hold until we get some youths.
- e. **Updates on Videos for Education page.** No progress reported at this time. Ed's video has morphed into a Town Hall.

**9. Any new proposed programs.** Nothing

**10. Outreach to other committees.** Nothing

**11. Any other old business.** Nothing

**12. New business/new ideas.**

- a. Through attending a Street Fair in central L.A., Lallah met a woman from Sunland who talked about a contact she knew in the Hansen Dam area. The contact is a woman who provides horse and art therapy. Lallah will talk to this person and see if there is anything that could be a benefit for the community.
- b. Two other ideas were mentioned that the community might be interested in: (1) smoke damage from anticipated fires; (2) covid vaccination education (side effects).

**13. GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS** No general public comments.  
No general public in attendance!