



SEMCU Foundation
BOARD MEETING MINUTES
Tuesday, August 18th, 2026, at 6:00PM
VIRTUAL & PHONE MEETING

☐ **Call to Order** – The meeting was called to order at 6:05 pm by Igal Treibatch

☐ **Roll Call**

Board Members

- Igal Treibatch, SEMCU President (online)
- Anthony Forestiere, SEMCU Treasurer (online)
- Dov Adler, SEMCU Board Member (online)
- Verlaine Elinburg, SEMCU Board Member (by phone)
- Paul Negrete, SEMCU Board Member (online)

Non-Board Attendees:

- Brooke Frost, Grant Writer & Researcher (online)
- Mike Schuster (online)

☐ **Previous Meeting Minutes for July 21 and August 11**

- Motioned to approve the previous minutes by Igal Treibatch
- Seconded the motion by Anthony Forestiere
- All were in favor of approval

☐ **Public Comments**

- None

☐ **Officer Reports**

- Anthony Forestiere, Treasurer
 - Starting balance: \$39.75
 - Donations: \$1,600 (from Pegasus: \$600) and Ken Schmidt (\$1,000))
 - Expenses: \$600 (Ranchos newspaper ads for July)
 - Ending balance: \$1,039.75
 - Upcoming expenses: \$600: Ads in Ranchos Newspaper (August)
- Igal Treibatch, President
 - Donations – Expecting \$15k-\$20k and \$30k + total by September 1st
 - Grants – Received email from a grant writer/researcher: Brooke Frost
 - Email for Brooke Frost: Brooke@brookefrost.com; 559-288-4082
 - In her email, Mrs. Frost mentions that SEMCU missed the August deadline for one state funding opportunity but there are more coming up this fall and in 2027.
 - Igal had told her SEMCU would like to get state funding; foundations also offer grants
 - State funding is minimal and grants are not yet posted and deadlines are short
 - She needs a more defined direction of where SEMCU intends to go. Igal will call her

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- State funding needs to have a definitive community engagement process, with specific meeting dates and specific activities set; Igal mentioned that SEMCU is in close contact with the supervisors of Madera County
 - The County does not necessarily need to be the lead agency in a project
 - State funding requires that the area meets certain low-income levels; they may ask for the APN or land parcel numbers to see if the area meets the criteria
 - She cannot give us an estimate on what she would charge until she knows what it is SEMCU wants to do and cannot give SEMCU a list of information the State needs until be after the State offers grants that show such a list, which is still upcoming
 - Igal will have Mike send Mrs. Frost the information she is requesting and then call her
 - Previous grants for SEMCU got 10% for management
- Monthly Article in Ranchos Independent
 - Last month (July) written by Summer Skov on her July 4th parade
 - Current article (August) written by Igal Treibatch on park proposals
 - Next month's article (September): volunteer: Dov on winter preparation & Super El Nino
 - Following month's (October) volunteer: Igal about grants
 - Following month's (November) volunteer: Anthony re: tax planning
- ☐ **Next Foundation Meeting** – Tuesday, September 15th, at 6:00pm – online
- ☐ **Next Grants Meeting** – Tuesday, September 8th, at 6:00pm – online
- ☐ **Adjournment** – 6:40 pm by Igal Treibatch

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