SCCC Minutes of 12.17.25 FINAL

The meeting was held at Judy Frey's house

Board Members: Chris Collins, Jen Rupert, Sierra Flanagan, David Chase, Gaelen Means, Martha Ferguson, Forrest Thomas, Michael Kinsley, Judy Frey and Jill Sabella

Guests: Molly Child and Jeffrey Woodruff

CONSENT AGENDA
Martha moved to approve the November Minutes and Judy seconded. All in favor.
The Treasurer's Report showed a total in all accounts of $20,690.89.

ELECTION SLATE
The Board election results show the new board to be: Ned Andrews, David Chase, Chris Collins, Martha Ferguson, Judy Frey, Sierra Flanigan, Stephanie Heineken, Jen Rupert and Jill Sabella. Michael Kinsley and Forrest Thomas expressed desire to continue on the board. The bylaws provide adding members at the first meeting of the new board which will be January 20th when a vote will be taken and when board officers will be elected..

FUNDRAISING LETTER
An annual fundraising letter has been prepared and will be sent out as soon as possible. There will be a link on the letter for online donations, which will also eventually be added to the website. Jeffrey mentioned that in the coming year the County will be providing up to $1,500 annually to help each caucus provide notification and publication of minutes of its meetings.

ST. BENEDICT'S MONASTERY SALE
Monday, December 15 the sale went through and by Tuesday evening the papers announced the new owner, Alex Karp. David commented he still hopes the new owner will consider land conservancies on some of the property, though no-one knows Karp's intentions at this point for the land or the retreat center. The monks will all have left the premises by January 15th. Chris mentioned he has a lease for a year for his cattle on the land. Jeffrey commented that within the conservation values, a 500-acre development is possible which could house 5-7 homes.

OTHER BUSINESS
Martha announced that she expects in early January to finally receive our Dark Skies approval. She will send out a letter when the approval is official, and that it is a topic everybody is interested in. Besides spearheading and doing the work for years to get our valley's designation she has given much direction to other communities and organizations which want to follow the guidelines for designation.

Meeting was adjourned.