

# FINAL

## Friends of Daley Ranch Board Minutes

November 6, 2025

Present: Jerry Harmon, Donna Leon, Rick Mercurio, Brocade Harmon, Chris O'Donnell and Dave Roberts were in attendance.

1. Minutes: Jerry opened the meeting at 3:00 pm at the Train Depot. The minutes from the October meeting were approved by acclamation.
2. Treasurer's Report: The October Treasurer's report was reviewed by Rick and approved by acclamation.
3. November 2 Picnic Recap: A very successful event on a beautiful day! There were 74 sign-ups and approximately 60 attendees (plus FODR and Rangers). Our publicity submissions to the Valley Center Roadrunner and the Escondido Times Advocate for unknown reasons did not appear. The presentations and Ranch House tours were well received. Kudos to Rangers Greg and Jessica, and the other volunteers, for their help with the event. Thank you notes will be sent to them as well as to Julie Bills representing the Escondido Target Store whose donation was used for the picnic food. The shuttle worked well and the food and snacks received good reviews. It was suggested that for next year's picnic we consider holding it on a Saturday.
4. 7th Grade School Trips 2026: We are still on track for a thank you lunch with the 2026 volunteers to occur on January 14, although Jerry and Brocade will not be able to make it. A head count of 10-14 people is expected.
5. Sand Track Table: All the components of this educational work station have been bought and assembled by Jessica. A big thank you! It currently sits in the lower bedroom in the Ranch House. The FODR plan to make it available for use at supervised educational events going forward.
6. Donation Items: Rick spoke to a potential donor about our future projects and financial needs. He will email them info on this as well as our EIN number. Chris was also able to update our website donations page to include an option to make regular monthly donations.

7. Newsletter: Topics discussed for inclusion in the next newsletter include picnic photos, the January "Discussions" event, the new sand table, the 3 new interpretive signs, species of the season and cell phone emergency calling advice.
8. ECF update: Rick submitted the final report to the ECF summarizing our grant project successes.
9. January 11 "Discussions" Event: We've yet to lock down the presenter for this event. Donna working on it. Still hoping to do something related to coyotes. A backup topic could be mountain lions. The event to be held at the Ranch House at 11:00 am, with an attendance maximum of 40. Rick to confirm the availability of the shuttle vehicles, and to draft an event notice to the local newspapers.
10. Website Hosting: Chris proposed switching the hosting of our website to Go Daddy, a provider she is very familiar with, in order to save a little money. A motion was made, seconded and passed, authorizing her to do so.
11. Scout Project: No recent news on the status of the new Kiosk under now being built. On a related topic, Ranger Jessica offered to send us pictures showing some of the new FODR-funded trail markers being installed by Scouts, planned for November 22.

The next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, December 16, 3:00 pm at the Train Depot. And looking another month out, the FODR 2026 planning meeting will occur on January 24, 9:00 - 1:00 pm at Chris' home.

Respectfully submitted,  
Dave Roberts