



Camarillo Ranch Foundation

Board of Directors

January 7, 2026 Meeting Minutes

Camarillo Ranch
201 Camarillo Ranch Road
Camarillo, CA 93012

334th Meeting

“Preservation, Education, Restoration”

The regular monthly meeting of the Camarillo Ranch Foundation was held on Wednesday, January 7, 2026, at 5:30 p.m., in the Ranch Office at the Camarillo Ranch, the President being in chair and the Secretary present.

1. **Call to Order:** President Chris Valenzuela called the meeting to order at 5:31 P.M.
2. **Pledge of Allegiance:** Theresa Marvel led the Board in the Pledge of Allegiance.
3. **Present:** Chris Valenzuela, Ana Blattel, Adrio DeCicco, Lisa Lutz, Theresa Marvel, Vishnu Patel, Patricia Turner and Kathy Taylor **Guests:** Gerry Olsen and Jackie Sanchez **Absent:** Helen Faul
4. **Parliamentarian:** Gerry Olsen acted as Parliamentarian for the meeting.
5. **Minutes:** The minutes of the November 5, 2025 meeting were approved with corrections.
6. **Next Meeting:** Our next meeting will be held on February 4, 2026.
7. **Important Dates:**
 - House Undecorating – January 12th
 - Meadowlark Grant Application Due Date – January 15th
 - Isabel Camarillo Exhibit Grand Opening – January 18th
 - City of Camarillo Grant Application Due Date – January 30th
 - CRF Presentation to City of Camarillo – March 11th
8. **Public Comments/City Comments/Special Guest:**
 - a. Public Comments – no members of the public were present.
 - b. City Comments – no City comments
 - c. Special Guest – Jackie Sanchez, Edward Jones reviewed the CRF Endowment. The ending value of our account for 2025 is \$132,980.17 with a rate of return at 11% for the year.
9. **Financial Report-Helen Faul:**
 - a. No report at this time.
9. **Unfinished Business:**
 - a. **Action/Discussion Outdoor Signage:** Need photos, contract, and guarantee information for the February meeting.

- b. **Action/Discussion on Heaters for the Barn:** Proposal/Contract will be available at the February meeting.
- c. **Action/Discussion Tax Return – Mitchell Associates:** Move to February agenda.

10. **New Business:**

- a. **City of Camarillo Presentation:** Chris Valenzuela will send out slides of the presentation to the Board members. Gerry Olsen suggested that a one page write-up should be available at the City presentation.
- b. **Action/Discussion – Docent Storage – Command Performance:** A motion was made by Patricia Turner to make the break room into a Docent Room. After much debate a motion was made by Patricia Turner to close debate and it was seconded by Vishnu Patel. Five Board members were in favor of closure and two were against. A vote was then taken on the motion. Chris Valenzuela, Kathy Taylor, Adrio DeCicco, Vishnu Patel and Patricia Turner voted in favor of the motion. Ana Blattel, Lisa Lutz and Theresa Marvel voted against the motion. The motion was passed. The Break Room may be revisited at any time to include who is the negotiated occupant per the Operating Agreement.
- c. **Action/Discussion – Archives:** Theresa Marvel made a motion to enter negotiations with the Museum of Ventura County for preservation of our archives. Ana Blattel seconded the motion. All in attendance voted in favor with the exception of Adrio DeCicco who voted against the motion.

11. **Committee Reports:**

- a. **Executive Committee:** Financial information was distributed to the Board.
- b. **Docent Committee:** Patricia Turned reported that Glen Salle has received his Docent badge. She also announced that there are five new Provisional Docents.
- c. **Education and Legacy Committee:** Ana Blattel reported that she and her team are very busy with the Isabel Camarillo Tea and Exhibit. She wants to extend a thank you to all those who helped put this event together. Over 100 tickets have been sold.
- d. **Events Committee:** No report.
- e. **Fund Development Committee:** No report.
- f. **Policies and Bylaws Review Ad Hoc Committee:** Theresa Marvel stated that the Committee has put in over 1,300 hours. Their next meeting is scheduled for January 15, 2026.

12. **Board Member Comments:** Vishnu Patel asked that at our next meeting we look into ways to manage the Endowment Fund ourselves in order to avoid fees and charges. Adrio DeCicco thought it would be wise to announce at our Tea on January 18th where the exits in the Barn are located. He also thought it might be a good opportunity to recruit volunteers. There is a new local radio station here in Camarillo. Adrio DeCicco asked that we discuss, at a future meeting, the possibility of a partnership with them. Theresa Marvel requested that the action/discussion of Volunteers be placed on the February agenda. City and Insurance representatives should be included in the Volunteer discussion.

13. Closed Session: N/A

14. Future Topics: N/A

15. Adjournment – Chris Valenzuela adjourned the meeting at 7:35 p.m. in memory of David Faul.

CRF Subcommittee Meetings – The Foundations subcommittees meet monthly or as indicated below. Meetings are held in-person or virtually.

Executive/Finance Committee	Third Tuesday	5:30 PM
Docent Committee	First Friday	9:30 AM
Education and Legacy Committee	Third Friday	10:00 AM
Docent Meeting	Second Wednesday	3:00 PM
Fund Development	Second Wednesday	4:00 PM
Event Committee	Third Wednesday	5:00 PM
Social Media Task Force	as needed	
Edward Jones Investment Study Ad Hoc Committee	TBA	
Policies and Bylaws Review Ad Hoc Committee	TBA	
Volunteer Recruitment Committee	TBA	

Kathy Taylor

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