

LAKE FOREST GARDEN CLUB
GENERAL MEETING MINUTES--Draft
September 16, 2022

The meeting was called to order by President Pat Chong at 10:30 a.m. on Friday, September 16, 2022.

Minutes of May General Meeting:

As there were no further corrections or additions to the minutes, the minutes were accepted and filed for audit.

Treasurer's Report

JoAnne Gillespie reported an August 1 opening balance of \$16,152.53. August deposits were \$140.00 and checks and withdrawals totaled \$1,145.08. There was a service fee of \$3.00. August's closing balance was \$15,144.45, less \$4000 for the community project, leaving total unrestricted funds of \$11,144.45.

President Chong announced that the board needs the password to access the LFGC Facebook page, and that the club still needs someone to head Trips and Tours.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Membership:

Rita Bradley reminded members to pick up the new membership booklet and to review their individual listing. If anyone finds an error, contact Rita. She also reminded members to provide a photo for the website's member pages, or to have a photo taken at the meeting.

Newsletter/Facebook/Website:

Latha Kumar announced that she will be adding a new member participation section to club social media sites, and encouraged members to send her photos or videos of their gardens.

Hospitality:

Cheryl Weaver said the Hospitality Committee is committed to healthy snacks for the coming year, and encouraged members to offer snack suggestions. She also asked that members be on the lookout for unopened packages of napkins, tablecloths and paper goods that they don't need and donate them to Hospitality. She is also looking for donations of tea bags—opened boxes are fine. Avocado donations are appreciated, and she said she is looking for the return of a cut glass creamer that disappeared after a previous meeting.

Programs:

Barbara Hogan announced that the whole roster of programs for the upcoming year has been filled, but that members should let the committee know if they listen to or know of a speaker that would be a good fit for the club. Next month's speaker is Chris Bonner, a Master Gardener who also speaks on gardens around the world. He will provide a program on the Kew Garden in England.

Historian:

Margie Carone announced that anyone who still needed an individual photo for the LFGC website should see her and she would take their photo.

Ways and Means:

Anne Breuer asked members to help contribute to the club's fundraising by doing something to contribute to the Boutique, the main club fundraiser. Potential Member contributions could include propagating plants from seed or from cuttings, contributing their artwork for sale, or creating pottery to use as planters for succulent arrangements. Anne is also looking for a few more Boutique Committee chairs. Ways and Means will offer workshops later in the fall and in the new year to prep for the Boutique.

Hospice:

Nadine Melberg reported that her volunteers had prepared twelve arrangements for MemorialCare's Hospice program, and additional arrangements for the Beach and Tennis Club's front desk and for LFGC members in need of cheer. She asked members to donate clean vases. Any members who want to help prepare floral arrangements should arrive by 9:00 a.m. on General Meeting days. She also asked for donations of greens by 9 a.m. on meeting days—stems of at least 5-7 inches, trimmed and cleaned.

Garden Exchange:

Wendy McCalley encouraged members to bring items to the plant exchange at each general meeting—plants, seeds, and produce are all welcome.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

Dues:

President Chong announced that the LFGC Board approved returning the annual membership dues to \$40 for an individual and \$45 for a couple, effective for the 2023-24 year. For the past few years during COVID, dues had been reduced to \$20 individual and \$25 for a couple.

NEW BUSINESS:

New members to the LF Garden Club were introduced and welcomed.

The meeting adjourned at 11:04.

The next board meeting will be held on Friday, October 7 at 9 a.m. and the next general meeting will be held on Friday, October 21 at 9:30 a.m. Both meetings will take place at the Beach and Tennis Club.

Respectfully submitted,

Roxie Aird

Roxie Aird, Recording Secretary