

LAKE FOREST GARDEN CLUB
GENERAL MEETING MINUTES

October 21, 2022

The meeting was called to order by President Pat Chong at 10:31 a.m. on Friday, October 21, 2022.

Minutes of September General Meeting:

The minutes will be approved at the November General Meeting after the members have had a chance to review them.

Treasurer's Report

Linda Martin reported a September 1 opening balance of \$15,172.32. September deposits were \$8,090.09 and checks and withdrawals totaled \$5,771.66. There was a service fee of \$3.00. September's closing balance was \$17,461.75, less \$4000 for the community project, leaving total unrestricted funds of \$13,461.75.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Programs:

Barbara Hogan announced that the October speaker is Kris Bonner, who will provide a program on the Kew Garden in England. The November speaker will be Brian Hale speaking on cool season fruits and vegetables.

Preschool Garden:

Bev Vargish thanked the volunteers who helped to plant the preschool garden on Thursday the 20th, and reported that the students had a good time. Volunteers will be needed again when it is time to replant the garden for spring.

Membership:

Rita Bradley introduced four new members and reminded members to pick up the new membership booklet and the CGCI member card that entitles card holders to ten percent off at most garden stores.

Hospitality:

Cheryl Weaver said the Hospitality Committee is committed to healthy snacks for the coming year, and thanked members for contributing paper goods and the delicious pumpkin bread for the October meeting.

Ways and Means:

Anne Breuer announced the first succulent workshop will be held at Marilyn Hill's house on November 8 at 9 a.m.. She asked for contributions of pretty planting containers and succulent cuttings, which can be dropped off on the day of the workshop, or earlier at Anne or Marilyn's homes. She also drew attention to the opportunity drawing and said the winners of the donated items would be announced later.

Penny Pines:

Susan Delaney and Suzanne Stephens introduced themselves and explained the Penny Pines program, asking that donations be placed in the Penny Pines box. They will keep the LFGC apprised of donation progress.

Hospice:

Nadine Melberg reported that her volunteers had prepared seventeen arrangements for MemorialCare's Hospice program, and ten additional arrangements for LFGC members. She asked members to donate clean vases and empty tube-shaped tissue containers.

Guerilla Gardening

Ginny Heard and Noel DeSota told members about the daffodil bulbs they had for sale at the meeting, and described the succulent planter project they plan to offer after the November board meeting.

CGCI Representative

Linda Martin told members about the upcoming CGCI meeting on October 24 at the Norman Murray Center on home composting. Representatives from 16 area garden clubs will be there. LFGC members can attend but must pay \$5.00.

Garden Exchange:

Wendy McCalley encouraged members to check out the items available at the exchange table, and to bring items to future meetings, anything from herbs and fruit to cuttings. Anyone who contributes can take something; all others are asked to make a \$1.00 donation.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**Budget:**

The budget will be approved at the November General meeting.

Newsletter:

If any member is not receiving the LFGC newsletter, let Rita Bradley know.

NEW BUSINESS:**Opportunity Drawing:**

Pat Chong encouraged members to donate items for future opportunity drawings, and suggested holiday items for the upcoming meeting.

Tour of the Ecology Center in San Juan Capistrano

The tour is set for 10 a.m. on November 15. Anyone who wishes to carpool to the Center should meet at the Beach and Tennis Club; otherwise tour members drive themselves. The Ecology Center asks for a donation from tour groups. Pat Chong said the LFGC Board will discuss using club funds for the donation at the November Board Meeting. Tour members can get a pizza lunch near the Center, or can choose another SJC area restaurant for lunch following the tour.

Halloween Costume Contest:

Speaker Kris Bonner selected the Costume Contest winners. The three winners were:

Scariest Costume: Carol Chirpich

Funniest Costume: Linda Martin

Garden Theme Costume: Ramilla Lewis

The meeting adjourned at 11:06.

The next board meeting will be held on Friday November 4 at 9 a.m. and the next general meeting will be held on Friday, November 18 at 9:30 a.m. Both meetings will take place at the Beach and Tennis Club.

Respectfully submitted,

Roxie Aird

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