



## SHEPARD GARDEN AND ARTS CENTER ANNUAL MEETING

Saturday, July 11, 2020

### MINUTES

The meeting was called to order at 10:21 a.m. by President Ken Rothaus. Board members present were: President Ken Rothaus, Treasurer Ed Schroeder, Recording Secretary Therese Ruth, Corresponding Secretary Wendy Corby.

Clubs represented were: Capital City African Violets, American Bonsai Assn., Begonia Society, Bromeliads & Carnivorous Plant Society, California Native Plant Society, California Garden Clubs, Capital City Bonsai Assn., Chrysanthemum Society, Cymbidium Society, Fuchsia Society, Gypsy Traders Antique Club, Ikebana International, National Assn. of Watch & Clock Collectors, Northern California Art by Fire, Perennial Plant Society, River Park Garden Club, Sacramento Rose Society, Sacramento Floral Design Guild, Sierra Camera, Sogetsu Ikebana of Sacramento and Friends of the Shepard Garden & Arts Center.

**Recording Secretary's Report:** Minutes of the July 13, 2019 Annual Meeting were approved as read.

**Financial Report:** Treasurer Ed Schroeder reported that we started the fiscal year on July 1, 2019 with \$68,355.84 in savings and checking and as of June 30, 2020 we have \$67,113.00. Ed said due to Covid-19 all meetings and shows were cancelled after the Spring Sale on March 14-15, 2020. The clubs have all been refunded for any meetings, shows/sales scheduled after March 15 until June 30, 2020. He said there was \$3,000 in outside rentals for the fiscal year. Ed will be retiring as the Treasurer so we need to find a new Treasurer. Ken said the job should not be as time consuming since we will no longer be billing for room rentals and handling reservations.

**Changes at the Center:** President Ken Rothaus said starting July 1, 2020 until Friends of East Sacramento takes over the management of the Center, room rentals will be billed monthly, SG&AC membership fees will be decoupled from the room rental fees. Ken said members should continue to use shepardgacinfo@att.net and 916-823-5500 for reservations. The estimated date for Friends of East Sacramento to take over management is August 1, 2020. After Friends of East Sacramento (FES) take over management members will contact friendsofeastsac@aol.com for reservations. FES will bill monthly for room rentals. Lisa Schmidt from FES will be contacting each club with an introductory e-mail. The Shepard Garden & Arts Center Board will still be representing the clubs. Lisa said she would like at least a month's notice of any cancellation but during the Covid-19 pandemic she is willing to work with the clubs on meeting schedules. Lisa said she would prefer to be contacted by email.

**Corporate Changes:** Ken said the Board will be working with an attorney on rewriting the bylaws to

take out the language that pertains to management of the Center. He said the Friends of the Shepard Garden & Arts Center will merge into the Shepard Garden & Arts Center so there will be one organization.

The Board will be providing clubs with information on what will be handled by Friends of East Sacramento (FES) and what will be handled by Shepard Garden & Arts Center organization. Wendy made a motion that the Friends of the Shepard Garden & Arts Center merge with the Shepard Garden & Arts Center organization, the motion was seconded and passed 12-yes, 3-no. Member clubs will vote on what services/events they want to retain, i.e. Spring and Fall Sales, CHAT newsletter, Audio-Visual Equipment, Insurance, etc. He said it is important that club members read the CHAT newsletter to find out what is going on.

**Friends of SG&AC:** MJ Kelly said when the Friends of the Shepard Garden & Arts Center is dissolved the funds will be moved to the Shepard Garden & Arts Center account and will be managed by a Friends of the SG&AC Committee within the SG&AC. She said the Friends have \$26,662.96 in their account at this time.

**Fall Sale:** Ken said the Fall Sale on October 3-4, 2020 is still being planned at this time but may have to be cancelled due to Covid-19 restrictions.

#### **ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 11:50 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

*Therese Ruth*

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Recording Secretary