

SHEPARD GARDEN AND ARTS CENTER
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

April 5, 2021

MINUTES

The Zoom meeting was called to order at 7:08 p.m. by President Ken Rothaus. Board members present were President Ken Rothaus, Vice President Jan Goehring, Treasurer Wendy Corby and Secretary Therese Ruth.

Clubs represented were: African Violet Society, American Bonsai Assn., Begonia Society, Bromeliads & Carnivorous Plant Society, Chrysanthemum Society, Delta Gesneriad & African Violet, Fuchsia Society, Gypsy Traders Antique Club, Ikebana International, National Watch & Clock Collectors, No. California Art by Fire, Perennial Plant Club, River Park Garden Club, Sacramento Center for Textile Arts, Sacramento Rose Society Sacramento Floral Design Guild, Sierra Camera, and Sogetsu Ikebana of Sacramento. Also present MJ Kelly, President of the Friends of the Shepard Garden & Arts Center.

Recording Secretary's Report: The minutes of the March 1, 2021 meeting were approved as read with the addition of the Chrysanthemum Society attendance at the March Zoom meeting.

Financial Report: Wendy Corby presented the financial report covering the month from February 21 to March 21, 2021. The expenses were \$64.20 for the Wi-Fi service and the income was \$.44 in interest income. The total in checking and savings is \$57,149.77

SG&AC Garden//City Report: Lee Ruth reported on the damage to the outside of the building. Three of the club signs in the flower beds were pulled out and the stakes bent or broken off. The wooden sign to the left of the entrance from the parking lot was damaged with the metal flowers broken off and a newly-planted Redbud tree planted near the front of the building was broken off. Joe Pane, Facility Manager, said someone was living in the storage shed on the patio and he threw their stuff out and had the locks changed. Joe thinks this might have been the person who did the damage.

SG&AC Scheduling: Lisa Schmidt was out of town and was not in attendance at the meeting.

Bylaws – The revised bylaws were sent to all the member clubs. Ken called for a vote on the proposed bylaws. Lee moved we accept the bylaws as sent to the members, Jan seconded the motion. During discussion it was decided that there needed to be some small clarifying changes in wordage in sections 6.2 and 6.3. The new wordage was accepted and the new bylaws were accepted with 18 clubs voting to accept and one club abstaining from voting. Wendy said she will send the bylaws, as accepted, by email to all the clubs and a printed copy will be available for each club at the July Annual Meeting.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

CHAT: Wendy said the next deadline for the CHAT is April 15, 2021. An article on the election of officers that will be voted on at the Annual Meeting on July 10, 2021 will be included.

Friends of the SG&AC: MJ Kelly reported she has turned over the Friends books to Wendy Corby. Wendy and MJ will get together with Noelle Anderson to get the paperwork done to dissolve the Friends and put the monies in an account within the SG&AC books.

Fall Sale: Ken said we should plan for the best but be ready to improvise depending on Covid-19 regulations in October, i.e., one-day sale, outside using the park, etc. The sale is scheduled for October 2-3, 2021. Jan said Kathy Norton is willing to provide the information for the sale – i.e., vendors list, caterer contact information, set-up directions, etc. Jan suggested we offer anyone who volunteers to coordinate the sale free space for their club, Wendy seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously. MJ said she is willing to contact the vendors and Therese volunteered to handle the advertising. Ken said if we have a layout plan for the tables the monitors can do the set-up and take down.

Nominating Committee: Jan said the terms for the President and Secretary will expire on June 30, 2021. Jan will send out an email asking for nominees. A list of the nominee will be sent out 60 days before the July 10th Annual Meeting where the election will be held.

OLD BUSINESS

Back room sink repair: MJ Kelly's repair person gave Lisa a bid on repairing the sink in the back room. Lisa will see if she can come up with the money.

Zoom License: Ken said we now have a SG&AC Zoom license and one club has used it so far. If a club wants to use the license they should send an email to shepardcenter@gmail.com to set-up a zoom meeting.

MOU between SG&AC Management and Member Clubs: Jan said she sent a copy of the proposed MOU to all the clubs but has received no comments back.

Membership Pricing: Wendy presented the schedule of the membership fees for the clubs to belong to the SG&AC. The schedule is designed to cover the costs to provide the clubs with insurance, audio-visual equipment, Wi-Fi service, rental of the Center for the two annual sales, the Annual Meeting and board meetings, advertising costs for the sales, website maintenance, etc. Most clubs will pay less than they did for the membership fee and table rental at the sales.

Audio/Visual Equipment: Chrysanthemum Society had a problem with the projector. The VGA cable is the only cable working, the HDMI connection needs to be repaired. Ken said he will have to contact Associated Sound. He asked for up to \$500 for repairs to the projector connections. Therese moved, Jan seconded the motion to get the projector repaired for up to \$500. The motion passed. There was a request that a session be held on how to hook-up a computer to the projector. Ken said we could have a session at the Annual Meeting on July 10th.

NEW BUSINESS

Annual Meeting: Ken said the Annual Meeting will be an in-person meeting with masks and social distancing in effect. Some of the meeting attendees requested it be both an in-person and Zoom meeting but Ken said we tried that last year and it did not work very well since those on Zoom could not hear the discussion.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further discussion the meeting was adjourned at 8:55 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Therese Ruth,

Recording Secretary