Lakeside Garden Guild General Members Meeting Minutes for September 17, 2015

(MSC = Motion made, seconded and carried)

Call to Order:

President Bonnie Newman called the meeting to order at 10:30 A.M.

Roll Call:

Present at the meeting were 21 Regular members and 0 Life/Honorary members. Guests included: prospective member Linda Hines. Birthdays for the month were recognized: Suzanna Baillergeau, Estela Hidalgo, Norma King, Anita Philipsborn, Sharon Smith, and Sue Williams.

Minutes:

Minutes from the August General Members meeting were approved. (MSC)

President's Comments:

Bonnie Newman thanked Danielle Trepenier for hosting, Kari Higgins for the pastries, and Nancy Daniel for the fruit and the fruit floral display.

She then regretfully told the group of 2 resignations: Karen Richardson and Margot Wojceichowski. She also mentioned thank you notes from Stacy Girton and Twig Smye for the floral arrangements.

Bonnie encouraged members to view and use the new website:

www.gardenguildweebly.com password for members' area: confetti (all lower case)

Treasurer's Report:

In the absence of Karen Lingo, Jan Quarton presented the financials to date:

Income	0
Expenses	
Gifts	1,031
Supplies	<u> 300</u>
Total Expenses	1,331
Cash on Hand	5,521
Actinver Balance	<u>22,661</u>
Total Balance	28,182
Graffiti Account	13,262.71

Committee Reports:

Membership:

Joyce McNiven welcomed new members Mary O'Leary and Christine Grant. She also presented Linda Hines as a prospective member and had Linda tell a little about herself. The Guild currently has 37 members; 38 when Linda becomes a member.

Publicity

Nancy Daniel has talked to Lee Carson about doing something to give the Graffiti Project a little publicity with the emphasis being on the need for volunteers. She is also working on the website with Linda Hines and Christine Grant. Nancy encouraged members to have family members and friends view the website to give them an idea of what we are all about.

Programs:

Bonnie reported for Maritza that the day's program had been changed to a back-up plan: 3 groups of members will be given the same 4 vases and flowers to create arrangements. Then members can view the various implementations.

October will be a "Question and Answer" session to prepare for the Floral Show. November will be the Show, and December will be the Christmas luncheon at St. Remy on December 3, 2015.

Hospitality:

October's meeting will be held in the home of Shirley West with Pam Pettus-Landon doing the flowers, Irene Suto bringing fruit and Leslie Martin bringing pastries.

Community Project:

Tommie Thompson told Averial Miller that the Ajijic Delegado is planning on honoring the Guild's Juanita Reed boat project. Jan Quarton will send out a notice when a time is set.

Webmaster:

Bonnie thanked Linda Hines for her work on the website and asked members to let her know of any additions that need to be made to the site.

Sunshine:

Irene Suto reported that most of her "charges" are doing much better.

Floral Design Show:

Georgia Barneburg said she is excited about this year's entries and commented about how much "thinking outside the box" ideas she has seen.

September 28 will be the last time to view Jim Coolidge's home and select a site. One hour only: noon - 1:00.

Members who have not given their arrangement statistics (dimensions, color scheme, special requirements, etc.) to her should email them ASAP. Georgia's email: **georgiabarneburg@gmail.com**

Christmas Luncheon:

The Christmas luncheon will be December 3rd at St. Remy's in Ajijic. The price is 325 pesos and there are 5 menu options which are listed on the website.

Old Business:

Mary Bragg mentioned that she knew many people get really nervous over the Floral Show. Many comments were made and several suggestions were given to help reduce the stress.

In relation to the above, several members volunteered to take any interested members to the Guadalajara floral market on Thursday, September 24. Jan will send out a notice.

New Business:

Nancy Daniel reported the Nomination Committee's recommendations for next year's officers. Members will vote on them at October's meeting.

President Bonnie Newman Vice-President Barb Corol

Treasurer Pam Pettus-Landon

Recording Secretary Sue Williams

Corresponding Secretary Mary Bragg with Christine Grant as back-up.

Nancy went on to ask members to please say, "Yes" if called upon to chair or help with committees.

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 11:15 (MSC)

Sharon Smith Recording Secretary

Lunch was at Panino's Restaurant.