

**MINUTES**  
**Lakeside Garden Guild**  
**General Members' Meeting: January 18, 2024**  
**Home of Cathy Sheehan**  
*(MSC = Motion made, Seconded and Carried)*

**Call to Order:**

President Newman called the meeting to order at 11:00 a.m.

**President's Comments:** President Newman welcomed the members and guests. President Newman reported that Sharon Smith, Mary Wolf, and Connie Hayes have resigned.

She announced that the Executive Committee will remain the same:

President: Bonnie Newman

Vice-President: Susan Cole-Bainbridge

Treasurer: Janine Kirkland

Secretary: Jan Alswager

Corresponding Secretary: Janet Capetillo

The new Committee Chairs are:

1. Hospitality: Beth Fluke and Vicki Christensen
2. Programs: Linda Williams
3. Floral Design Show: Susan Cole Bainbridge & Di Anne Maczko
4. Webmaster: Linda Rudisell-Hines & Carrie Hemphill
5. Publicity: Linda Rudisell-Hines & Carrie Hemphill
6. Membership: Di Anne Maczko
7. Community Project: Cathy Sheehan & Justine Bertram
8. Sunshine: Lucille Johnstone
9. \*Christmas Luncheon: Liz Durham
- 10.\*Historian: Allegra Willis

\* These positions do not require attendance at board meetings.

**Recording Secretary:** Jan Alswager called the roll.

**Present:** Jan Alswager, Justine Bertram, Kenée Campo, Vickie Christensen, Susan Cole Bainbridge, Liz Durham, Beth Fluke, Carrie Hemphill, Lucille Johnstone, Janine Kirkland, Leslie Martin, Di Anne Maczko, Bonnie Newman, Jan Quarton, Margaret Quinn, Linda Rudisell-Hines, Cathy Sheehan, and Linda Williams.

**Zoom attendees:** Allegra Willis and Jo Lapinski

Present at the meeting were 20 regular members, 10 members were absent.

**Minutes:** Minutes by Jan Alswager from the October General Members' meeting were sent out by email to membership and posted on the website.

**Upcoming Birthdays:**

Linda Rudisell-Hines: Feb 2

**Treasurer's Report:** Janine Kirkland presented the Treasurer's Report for December 2023.

General Account:	\$200,520.91
Graffiti Account:	2,960.80
Cash on Hand:	<u>6,550.00</u>
	\$210,031.71
Expenses:	636.00
Sunshine	
Total Expenses	636.00
<b>Total Balance:</b>	<b>\$209,395.71</b>

## COMMITTEE REPORTS

**Membership:** Di Anne Maczko

Di Anne reported we currently have 30 active members. There were two prospective members at today's meeting. Jan Alswager brought Norma Hall and Vicki Christensen brought Daphine Mullins. This is the first meeting for both.

**Webmaster:** Linda Rudisell-Hines

Linda reported that she has moved all the 2023 information to the archives on the website and the new files are set up for 2024.

**Publicity:** Linda Rudisell-Hines

No additional information was reported.

**Programs:** Bonnie Newman and Susan Cole Bainbridge

This is the last meeting for the 2023 year. Linda Williams, the new Program Chair, contacted members individually for ideas for programs.

**Hospitality:** Vickie Christensen

The meeting was hosted today by Cathy Sheehan. The fruit was provided by Merelyn Shore and the pastries by DiAnne Maczko.

The luncheon will be at La Fiesta.

Beth Fluke will be the new Hospitality Chair. She passed around a sign-up sheet for 2024 meetings. Next month the meeting will be held at the home of Jan Alswager.

**Community Project:** Mary Bragg and Allegra Willis

President Newman reported that members are invited to attend a photo session at 10:00 a.m. on January 30, at the Recycling Center to acknowledge our recent donation. It was recommended that people wear working clothes, boots, work gloves and protective glasses because we may be able to break glass at the Center.

Photos have been taken of the damage of the sign on the Malecon. Tim Smye cleaned it but it remains damaged. There is a possibility that a new sign will have to be made. The Chapala community was supposed to varnish the bridge yearly, but that has not been done. Allegra stated they are going to meet with Chapala representatives and ask them to maintain it. There were other organizations involved in the project and a question was asked if these organizations would be willing to help us make the necessary improvements.

**Sunshine:** Lucille Johnstone

There was nothing to report.

**Floral Design Show:** Cathy Sheehan

Cathy reported that fewer tickets were sold but that we brought in more money due to the higher ticket price. We also made more money on drinks at the bar.

Several thoughts were contributed for next year's flower show: Marketing needs to be seriously considered and suggestions were made to promote the event

which included considering banners, posters ideas, and collecting emails for future communications. All agreed that selling tickets at LCS or other venues was not a wise use of time.

**Programs:**

Linda Williams passed around a sheet around to ask for program ideas and member willingness to work on programs for 2024.

**Christmas Luncheon:** Beth Fluke

Beth reported on the 2023 Christmas Luncheon. It was a very cold day, but we had a great turn out and was a wonderful event. She thanked Linda Rudisell-Hines for designing the invitation and menu. The members were highly complementary of her efforts on the luncheon.

**Old Business:**

There was no old business to report.

**New Business:**

There was no new business to report.

There being no further business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned at 11:51 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Jan Alswager  
Recording Secretary