

MINUTES
Lakeside Garden Guild
Board of Directors' Meeting: Zoom meeting
April 4, 2024

(MSC = Motion made, Seconded and Carried)

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order by President Newman at 11:01 a.m.

President's Comments: President Newman welcomed the Board members to the April 4, 2024, meeting.

Recording Secretary: Jan Alswager took the roll. Those present were Jan Alswager, Janet Capetillo, Susan Cole Bainbridge, Carrie Hemphill, Janine Kirkland, Di Anne Maczko, Bonnie Newman, Linda Rudisell-Hines, and Allegra Willis. Mary Bragg was a guest of the President.

Minutes: Minutes by Jan Alswager from the March Board Members' meeting were sent out earlier by email.

Treasurer's Report: Janine Kirkland reported that the information for the Treasurer's report will be given at the April membership meeting.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Membership: Di Anne Maczko

Di Anne reported that Norma Hall has met the requirements for official membership. Jan Alswager and Susan Cole Bainbridge made a motion to approve her membership application. Motion approved.

Di Anne reported Daphine Mullins has one more meeting to attend before she can be approved by the Board. Carol Lind has attended one meeting as a guest and will need to attend two more meetings before being approved by the Board, according to the By-Laws.

Linda Williams sent a letter of resignation to the President. The Board is hopeful that she will continue to present programs and possibly help with future flower shows.

An idea was floated that we give members who have resigned and opportunity to attend lunch after our regular meetings and/or Christmas luncheons. There was no decision on the topic.

Webmaster/Publicity: Linda Rudisell-Hines & Carrie Hemphill
Carrie Hemphill reported that she continues to update the website. No publicity has been needed.

Programs:

Susan Cole Bainbridge reported that Linda Williams gave her the list of programs for the upcoming months. The April program will be a demonstration on planting orchids and is expected to be approximately 45 – 60 minutes or longer. Jose Banda will bring orchids which will be for sale, so members are encouraged to bring cash if they want to buy an orchid(s). Carrie Hemphill will work to record the program on video and Jan Alswager will also try to record it through a Zoom recording.

The Board also discussed the May member meeting which will be at the home of Janet Capetillo in Guadalajara. The Board felt that the idea of a potluck at Janet's home would be appropriate rather than going out to lunch in Guadalajara.

Hospitality: Beth Fluke & Vickie Christensen

The next meeting will be at Kenée Campo's home. Susan Cole Bainbridge will provide the pastries, Mary Bragg will provide the fruit and Margaret Quinn and Kari Higgins will provide the flowers.

Community Project: Cathy Sheehan & Justine Bertram

Neither Cathy nor Justine was able to attend the meeting. Since Mary Bragg was one of the chairs of the Community Project last year, President Newman invited her as a guest of the Board. President Newman read a report given to her by Cathy Sheehan and Justine Bertram, since they were both unable to attend, about their

thoughts on the community project. They felt that restoring the bridges on the Malecon was still a viable option for the community project even though the city has started to make significant improvements to the wooden bridges on the Malecon.

The Board sincerely appreciated their work, thoughts, and comments; however, a number of concerns were brought up, most of which have been expressed at previous Board and Member meetings:

- The cost of a proper repair of the bridges is significant and likely too much for a single-year project.
- There is a question of how many people will benefit from the project.
- Liability issues were brought up as they have been in the past.
- Concerns were again brought up of who would do the maintenance and who would pay for it. Members at previous membership meetings have expressed that they were not very interested in having to do maintenance on projects on an on-going basis.
- It was brought up that a bridge in disrepair would reflect badly on the Garden Guild since a sign with our name appears at the site, as suggested at the March membership meeting. It was also suggested we take down the sign if it continues to be in disrepair.
- There were new concerns about election-year politics and working with the government and getting things done.

As a result of these concerns and other, the discussion moved to another previously discussed project, that of making contributions to the Recycling Center. It was noted that the recycling idea was well received at the March Membership meeting.

It was suggested to have a person with leadership experience at an existing recycling center to come visit and do an audit of the recycling center to find out their needs and make suggestions for improvements. If this were to become our community project, it would advise us better on their needs. There was also discussion about educating the community and marketing the recycling center by partnering with other organizations to promote recycling.

Sunshine: Lucille Johnstone

President Newman reported for Lucille that all members are well.

Floral Design Show: Susan Cole-Bainbridge & Di Anne Maczko

They reported that they are no longer recommending using their pizza oven as it is too expensive and close to the bar. They plan to try to go back in September for the people who were unable to attend in March. They plan to rent tents for the bars, umbrellas, tables, and chairs. Most all members have picked their location for their flowers, only four remain to select their location. They plan to have signage for the entrance and will need a traffic manager at the front gate. Jan Alswager offered 5 orange cones for them to use and Bonnie Newman has some umbrellas with stands that they may use.

***Christmas Luncheon:** Liz Durham

No report was given.

***Historian:** Allegra Willis

Nothing to report.

Old Business:

There was no Old Business.

New Business:

The Board discussed the possibility of giving Program presenters, whether they were members or non-members, a stipend of \$500 pesos for their work and to assist with the cost of materials.

There being no further business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned at approximately 12:00 p.m. (MSC)

Respectfully submitted,

Jan Alswager

Recording Secretary

*These positions do not require attendance at the Board meetings.