

## Sept 11, 2020 LFGC Virtual Board meeting

Meeting started at 4:15P

13 Attendees: Ginny Heard; Ramilla Lewis; Cheryl Weaver; Diane Boeck; Linda Martin; Nadine Melberg; Dorina Tan; Karen O'Brien; Stephanie Gillette; Kenton Boettcher; Carol Giovinazzo; Jan Little; Bonnie Oakden

Zoom Moderator: Ginny Heard.

Treasurer: Linda Martin discussed the 2020-21 budget in detail and made the appropriate adjustments for an anticipated count of 110 members by spring 2021. The storage rent had increased. The cost for Zoom usage (Zoom operator: Ginny Heard. \$104/annually after 30% discount) to be listed as a new line under programs.

The budget is being audited by Beckie Keene.

*Nadine sent CGCI payment for membership to both CGCI and Orange County CGCI for adjusted 102 people. Tax exemption papers have been sent to CGCI. Insurance for the next year will be sent after our January meeting.*

Programs: Cheryl Weaver inquired about Master Gardeners prices for virtual presentations. The group discussed what programs might look like during the time of virtual, rather than "in-person" meetings. Ideas were brainstormed including a speaker(s) from the US or State Forestry Service, Master Gardeners, webinars, You Tube, etc. It was decided, after discussion, that the program for this month would follow the theme of "getting back and getting caught up" with each other

Membership: Linda Martin announced that membership is currently at 103. Ramilla is completing the directory that Linda Min started and recommended a cut-off be set for member's info to be added to printed directory. Member information for those who join after the cut-off date, will be sent electronically to members. The directory will be completed in October and will be personally delivered to members in conjunction with 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary gifts. A list of members who have re-located to different states was recommended.

50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary: Karen said no further expenses anticipated for 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary. Linda Martin has pictures from previous scrapbooks on a flash drive and will collate pics from other members and discuss with Suzanne Hall about transferring some pictures to LFGC website.

Trips and Tours: Bonniewill look into the Casta Del Sol Heritage Gardens socially distanced volunteer-led tours, as suggested by Barbara Hochsgesang. *(For the record, as of Sept 16, 2020, this tour is cancelled due to the sites decision not to lead any group tours for now).* Ramilla notified board of IRWD virtual meetings for Sept, Oct and Nov.

Disney Tickets: Kenton reminded the Board that we still have 4 unused Disney tickets and will check to see if the expiration date will be extended, due to COVID.

Password: The website password has been changed to: **Rosesaregr8.**

Penny Pines: Ramilla reported for Carol Chirpich. Carol suggested that with no live meetings, and with the raging fires in California, members send donations specifically for Penny Pines. Linda Martin recommended all checks be sent to her with the words “Penny Pines donation” to be specified in the memo area. Ramilla suggested that donations could be increased if each member would reach out to their friends to donate to this cause. A goal of \$5000 was recommended by Nadine. Kenton suggested submitting articles in the local newspapers. Facebook postings would be permitted, provided that the Treasures residence address be removed and replaced with the *Beach and Tennis* club address.

Hospice: Nadine recommended \$50 be allocated to hospice in case flower arrangements could be assembled and distributed –Cost at Albertsons per donation is \$5.38.

Secretarial duties: Linda Martin requested that minutes be sent electronically to board and a hard copy to be given to treasurers.

Historian: Bonnie said that she would combine 2 years of memories into one book

Newsletter: Ramilla reminded the board that newsletter article are due to Pilar by 5:00P on Tuesday Sept 15, 2020. Should include an update on people who have moved.

Hospitality: \$200 were added to the budget for Hospitality in the event we can have at least 1 or 2 of our regular meetings/potlucks once group meetings are again allowed.

Misc:

a) Ramilla introduced a new opportunity to increase the visibility of LFGC in the community. The City of LF will be hosting two virtual garden shows {Sept 22 (History and meaning of flowers) and 27 (Consider the cactus- a quick guide to succulents) at 10-11 A} and asked if one of our members would be present for an open forum. Ramilla will contact our Master Gardeners for a volunteer.

b) The Master Gardeners have a series of webinars and the specific dates and times will be included in the September Newsletter.

c) Dorina notified the Board that Heritage Hill was now open and an informal meeting was suggested for Fri, 9/18, 9:30A. Bring your own mask and coffee (or other beverage), & folding chairs to help distance.

September virtual general meeting: Friday, Sept 25<sup>th</sup> at 10:00A, and will include the Pledge of Allegiance, Inspiration, and Presidents greeting and update. The meeting will have a “getting back and getting caught up theme” or something like that.

Next virtual board meeting on October 2nd at 9:00A

Meeting adjourned at 5:45P

Post meeting addendum:

The following is a report from Beckie Splittgerber, which was unfortunately not reported at the meeting: “The State board meeting was cancelled and so was the OC district meeting. These are both on hold till group meetings will be permitted by Governor. LFGC is in good standing and will continue to have low cost liability through our membership within CGCI. Liability insurance payment is due beginning 2021”.

Respectfully submitted

Cheryl Weaver and Ramilla Lewis