

Lake Forest Garden Club
Minutes of Board Meeting
March 6, 2020

Members present:

Barbara Parry, Bonnie Oakden, Bev Vargish, Carol Giovinazzo, Diane Boeck, Debbie Verplancke, Cindy Little, Karen O'Brien, Kenton Boettcher, Beckie Splittgerber, Stephanie Gillette, Martha McCarthy, Nadine Melberg, Linda Martin, Virginia Heard, Ramilla Lewis, Linda Min, Pat Chong

The meeting was opened at 9:05AM by co-president Ginny Heard.

The corrected minutes of 2/7/20 were approved and filed for audit.

The Treasurer's Report was read by Linda Martin, Treasurer. There was a correction of \$208.58 for aprons. The corrected report is as follows: Balance, Feb. 1 2020, \$20,585.19; checks and withdrawals, \$1,062.78; deposits and credits, \$139.51; Balance Feb. 29, 2020, \$119,661.92; less money held for community project, \$4,000, Unrestricted Funds, \$15,661.92. The report was approved as corrected and filed for audit.

Ginny said that the nomination committee could consist of 1 board member and 2 general members. Linda Min volunteered as a board member. Barbara Parry said she would serve if needed.

Kenton announced that there would be a community day on March 28 at Heritage Hill in order for the club to qualify for 4 Disney tickets. The time is 9AM to 11:30, and he will send a flyer.

Ramilla said that there will be a meeting of the Butterfly Kits committee on March 9 at 9:00AM. There are now 25 schools, 117 classes, and about 2300 students enjoying the kits. Kenton will write an article for Patch about the butterfly Kits.

Karen said that the 50th anniversary party will be on October 9 from 2:00-5:00PM. There are other possible developments that the committee is working on.

Ginny announced a mini-boutique meeting following the board meeting, and she said that there is a Bioggios fundraiser on April 8. Those attending the field trip that day are encouraged to have lunch at Bioggios.

Stephanie, Ways and Means, said Barbara Parry is working hard on Fabulous Finds and needs donations. She said that there are some major changes this year. A coordinator for the plant area is needed. The aprons, which are \$15, are at Beckie's and are ready for names (or not) to be embroidered on them. Everyone is encouraged to wear their aprons to the next meeting for a group photo. The flyer regarding Heritage Hill will also have an announcement of the aprons.

Bev passed around a sign-up sheet for boutique shifts, set-up, clean-up, and prep. and primping the day before the boutique. Kurt Johnson from the city recreation department will bring some ACT student volunteers to help. Ginny said that it is important that we use the pop-ups for shade for the workshops as well as the boutique. There will be basket planting on April 10, 9-12:00 at Beckie's house. Succulent planting will be at Marilyn Hill's house on March 13.

Ginny said that Dorina Tan has two scholarship applications, and needs suggestions for publicity to encourage more students to apply.

Beckie announced the CGCI meeting at the Historical Society in San Juan Capistrano on June 8 at 9:30AM. She said LFGC didn't get credit for the 7 plantations we bought with Penny Pines, because the notification was sent to the National Garden Club instead of CGCI. It is being corrected for the future.

Ramilla said that newsletter articles must be sent to Pilar by March 9 at 9:00PM.

Noel, programs co-chairperson, said she received a letter from Darren Haver director of the UC Master Gardner program. He thanked LFGC for the \$100 we gave when Chris Bonner spoke at the Feb. meeting.

Noel said that Carol Chirpich will show photos she took of the Pacific Trail native plants at 9:30AM at the March 20 general meeting. Karen will do a napkin folding demonstration before the meeting and Cheryl Weaver will tentatively do a presentation on serving tea. The program speaker will be from Green Thumb Nursery and she will talk on Monarch butterflies. Noel said that there is a program on gardening every 2nd Thursday at the Murray Center in Mission Viejo. The speaker in March is Brian Hale who will speak on planting summer vegetables.

Ramilla announced that there will be a raffle at the March 20 meeting. She said that there was a suggestion that there be a 10 minute intermission between the meeting and the speaker for a restroom break. There was discussion and it was decided that instead the president will make an announcement at 10:15 that the meeting will start in 15 minutes to allow anyone who wishes to use the restroom.

It was suggested in the future at the Annual Tea that the food should be served during the meeting. The subject will be reviewed before the installation meeting in June.

The photo book is still missing but Bonnie knows who has it. It was suggested that we have a photo booth for the 50th anniversary party. Karen suggested a bench to commemorate the anniversary. There is a need for one in Serrano Park.

Kenton has been updating the birthdays on the web-site, and he suggested that members look at it to confirm that the photo is correct.

Noel said that the Beach and Tennis Club said thank you for the articles in the Village News. She thanked the Trips and Tours coordinators for a good job.

Bev said that the Preschool Garden planting will be March 26 at 9:00AM.

Linda Martin suggested that a Penny Pines plantation be donated in memory of Susan Gillette and asked Stephanie for other suggestions.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:40AM.

Respectfully submitted,

Pat Chong

Pat Chong,
Secretary