

Lake Forest Garden Club
General Meeting Minutes
September 17, 2021

The meeting was called to order by President Pat Chong at 10:31 a.m. on Friday, September 17, 2021. The meeting opened with the flag salute and inspiration provided by Geri Medway.

Minutes of May and June General Meetings:

As there were no further corrections or additions to the minutes, the minutes were accepted and filed for audit.

Treasurer's Report

Treasurer JoAnne Gillespie reported that the opening balance as of August 1, 2021 was \$15,935.01, withdrawals were \$969.49, and deposits were \$40.00. The balance as of August 31, 2021 was \$15,005.52, less \$4000 for the community project, leaving total unrestricted funds of \$11,005.52.

Introduction of New Members and Introduction of Officers

Two new members were introduced. All officers and committee chairs came forward to introduce themselves and describe the duties of their positions.

Committee Reports:

Hospice: Nadine Melberg

Due to COVID, fewer places are accepting floral arrangements or visitors. While in the past Hospice prepared and delivered fifteen arrangements, now they only need six. Volunteers should meet on Wednesday at Nadine's house to prepare the vases.

Membership: Ramilla Lewis and Jan Little

There are presently 97 members. Dues are a reduced amount of \$20 per individual or \$25 per couple. New members are accepted in September and January. Visitors can attend two meetings (other than the holiday party and tea which are for members only) without becoming members. Anyone with questions can contact Ramilla or Jan.

Ways and Means: Anne Breuer and Marilyn Hill

In preparation for the May Boutique, members should begin thinking about taking cuttings, starting seeds and plants, and collecting pretty containers and baskets that can be used as the Boutique draws near. The first Succulent Workshop is scheduled for January 28, with the place TBD. A few days before the workshop, take cuttings of succulents to bring to the event, where you will learn to prepare succulent arrangements. Members are also asked to collect corks from wine bottles, styrofoam pieces, and packing peanuts which can be used in the bottoms of containers for drainage.

Programs: Sandy Ueek

The October speaker will be medicinal herbalist Florence LeFranc, who will speak on growing and using herbs to help during cold and flu season. There will also be a Halloween costume contest, with the speaker serving as judge.

Unfinished Business:

Storage Unit:

The club acquired a new storage unit at American Mini Storage. The rent on the unit is \$40 less per month.

Seed Sorting:

After the meeting, anyone who brought seeds should meet Karen O'Brien in the back of the room to sort seeds into packets for future exchange.

Disney Tickets:

The Disney tickets will be raffled off at the December meeting. Non-members can purchase tickets. However, as the December meeting is for members only, non-members need to give a member their money in advance to purchase tickets. The ticket price has yet to be determined, but will probably be \$1.00 per ticket.

New Business:

Zoom License:

The board voted to renew the Zoom license for another year in case the club needs to resume remote meetings if COVID worsens. The cost was \$148 for 12 months.

New Club Logo:

A decision on a new logo for the club will be delayed for another month. There was some criticism that will be addressed at the October board meeting. The possible logos will be published in the October newsletter so more members can see them and vote on them.

Benches:

Karen O'Brien reported that the city has installed the new bench the club paid for along Serrano Road on the park side where the old bus stop used to be. She encouraged everyone to drive by to see it. The plaque crediting the Garden Club will be installed soon. She reported the city was very grateful to the club for the donation; this is the second or third bench paid for by the club.

The meeting adjourned at 11:00 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Roxie Aird, Recording Secretary