

MHGC Board Meeting Minutes -- March 2011

Present: Lawley, Fritchsner, Sherf, Starr, Jones, Strona, Quillin, Bishop, Borden, Moseley, Shelley.

Absent: French, Costarakis, Pehl, Kissling.

Minutes: Approved as corrected.

Reports:

Treasurer: Report approved as electronically submitted.

Program: No report

Committees:

Communications:

Starr mentioned that 30 newsletters of the winter issue were printed, and 14 are left after giving them to visitors to the meetings. It was decided that 30 is a good number to print quarterly.

Projects:

Projects committee met with the San Diego River Foundation, and wants to do a project with them, but it hasn't been decided what the project will be. It was suggested that we get the Executive Director back to make another presentation to the club. Some ideas are picnic benches at the River park, or pick up the trails, or increased signage. Whatever we do it would be nice to have a plan in place for the service day on May 14th, where there will be volunteer labor to help execute whatever is decided.

Education:

The March meeting where the kids from Crawford will be presenting was discussed. They have a wish list of things that they want, and perhaps it could be discussed at the meeting. It was decided that the check for Crawford will be presented to them at the this meeting. The meeting will consist of a presentation and then members will work in tables to create seed balls for Crawford to take back to their school. It was moved that the Education committee contribute an additional \$250 to the projects committee funds for signage with the River Project. Passed unanimously. March program is designed to show the members where our contributions to the community and San Diego go.

Garden Walk:

“A Stroll Down Sunset Boulevard” is the theme. Flyers have been prepared, and anyone who wants some needs to speak to Jim Bishop to get them. The committee has more walk bys than normal because there are very few available back yards in the area. The book will be done by the same person who did it last year, for the same fee, \$1600. They are hopeful that the page count can come down from last year.

The online volunteer system is working well. Docents for the tour are still needed. Suggestions were made by the board regarding where to find additional docents. Docents who volunteered should also get another email asking them to volunteer again this year.

Sandra Sherf is coordinating the food for the walk. It will be placed in several gardens, for people to purchase. There will be no street closures. Tables can probably be provided from the church, and also the club owns several tables. The board feels that if possible it would be best to have some place to sit near where the food can be purchased. It is also imperative that the food vendors take away their own trash. Vendors are expected to reimburse the club 20% of their take on the food. It was suggested that there be a written contract with the vendors spelling out the prices, and what they are providing.

There will be wine at the nursery again after the walk. The nursery is paying for the wine/refreshments for the public after the walk, from 3-4:30. This will be cut off at 4:30 pm, when there will be a private reception for docents, volunteers. The club is paying for the refreshments for the private reception.

S Starr reminded the committee that they give Sir Speedy an opportunity to bid on the Garden Walk book.

We have enough artists but need more musicians.

The docent training will be scheduled as soon as the docents have been procured.

Hospitality:

Need round tables for the next meeting, and a microphone. Crawford will bring its own computer and projector.

Membership:

The club has 223 current members.

Special Events:

No report.

Old Business:

None

New Business:

Nominating Committee:

Fritchsner passed out a list of board vacancies, and the positions and possible officers were discussed.

April Meeting:

Proposed that we screen Sunset Boulevard. We might run a trailer at the March meeting to entice attendance in April, and perhaps come in costume, or do something campy or lighthearted to counteract the downer aspect of the movie.

Meeting was adjourned at 6:35 pm. Next board meeting will be held 4/13 at Linda Lawley's.

Kathy Jones, Secretary