

Note to Board: Action items are in italics

June 16, 2010 Minutes

Meeting called to order at 5:30 by president Fritschner.

Started w/introductions for all board members.

Pres welcomed all, and new ideas. Have a wonderful time and we will do great things.

Minutes: Motion passed to accept May minutes.

Treasurer: Report was distributed. Fritsch summarized in Treasurer's absence by saying GW was a net of \$23,000, after expenses. Please look at the budget and expenses; we may need to reassess expenses. *Pres will send detailed explanation of treasurer's report.*

Programs: French—next week's meeting is on urban chickens. July meeting on Urban Forestry. Movement is trying to get budget from private sector b/c govt doesn't seem to have funds for it. Wants to get more community participation. Fausto is looking to create a local non profit for urban forestry. August will be Living Walls with Jim Mumford. September will be Tiger to talk about pruning. We may have a visit later on from the kids from Crawford High School, who are beneficiaries of our grants.

Communications: Edlinger reported that websites have been updated. *It was suggested by Pres. Fritscher that she check w/poster distribution person for cost of posters.* Sabine sent bimonthly updates for email; try to get people to look on the blog for long technical updates. Have a half page at the general meetings that have the next 3 months' events that people could pick up. Suggested that the website have a calendar. Not sure if that is workable at this point. Shelley suggested using a google calendar. *Borden will check it out.*

Projects: Lawley—2 projects that are ongoing. Concert in the Park on July 23rd. Meeting people from Maintenance Assessment District on Ibis triangle and whether that would be something the GC would be interested in working on. Question was asked re Veteran's Village, and what the committee is doing about a project there. Mary Shelley updated.

Education: Shelley—Wants to continue doing what had been done through projects—giving internships to community colleges, and a contribution to Gecko garden. Gardens at school are worked when there is an interest on the part of the faculties. Would like the recipients to come to talk to the GC to give some insight into what the internships have done for them. We used interns as docents for the Garden Walk. Strona suggested finding parents with a kindergartener at Grant to get involved in the school garden. Importance of documenting internship allocation was

stressed. *Need to have an application that might show a financial need. Record of why the money was given, list their mission statements.*

If IRS comes back and questions how the money is used, there needs to be documentation. Shelley asked for a list of what the club wants to give the recipient schools. Club wants a closing report about whether objectives were met. *President will develop the application/check list. Shelley is trying to get some other committee members. None to date.*

Garden Walk Pehl's committee for 2011 have not met yet, but will soon.

Hospitality

Debbie Quillan reported that Pt Loma is not interested in pooling resources to sponsor joint bus trips. Floral Association may still be interested. July 10th is the card making event. People bringing treats will also be greeters at the meetings. July 23 concert in the park. Quillan will need people to work and get going on the concert. Club has tables to use. 4 ft. tables at C Gaidmore's house. *Ask other people to bring card tables. DQ will send around a clipboard at next week's meeting.* There will also be plants to donate to the raffle at the concert. Motion to give 2 guest passes to each recipient of raffle prizes. Motion carried unanimously. Asked for extra help for setting up for the meeting. Need to coordinate the raffle with Mission Hills Foundation.

Membership—Strona. 151 memberships at the moment. Several of the board have not yet renewed, so please get your memberships current. Excel is proving to be difficult for the chair. Would like help with thank you's, assembling other things that are mailed. (membership card and a pass).

Special Events—Costarakas

Chair asked that other persons involved or interested in children's events take over that part of the job. Suggested that she find a subchair for children's events. *Pres will ask someone else to chair the children's events.* How many field trips do we want in a year? *Would like to develop a binder on the trips.* Has in mind trip to Balboa park—it's been done. Rancho La Puerta. Elfin Forest garden. Legoland? San Diego Botanical. If anyone has ideas, please get them to her. Barona trip was great. Cuyamacha gardens was suggested.

Old Business

Strona has old membership files and would like someone else to take them. Suggest that files are archived in long term storage. Pres does not want storage access at her home, unless it is accessed only once a year. This should not be paid storage if there is no access.

Suggested that we have a member appreciation party at another time of the year other than the holidays.

New Business

Meeting Raffle: French suggested that they have been very skimpy, if we keep them we need to provide a decent amount of prizes. Programs chair will be in charge of the raffle. Pres would like raffle before the program. Suggestions that we have the raffle once a quarter and spend \$50 to supply. *Motion passed Mosely Costarakas second to make raffle quarterly.*

Board Meetings conflict with Mission Nights. Could we either start at 5 or another night. *Can we do the second Wed of the month. Strona moved , Sabine second. Passed.*

Please email Sabine with anything that will go in the emails. Suggest go to 14 font size.

D Disraeli has been asked to set a committee for new themes for the year (think tank) and present them. New business will be continued next month. Meeting adjourned at 7.

Submitted by Recording Secty Kathy Jones
Saturday, June 19