

MHGC Minutes July 21, 2010 Action items in italics

Present: Quillin, Moseley, Jones, Borden, Gaidmore, Lawley, D Disraeli, Fritschner, Shelley, Strona, Costarakis, French

Not present: Starr, Pehl, Carter

Meeting called to order at 4:02 pm by President Fritschner

Minutes of June meeting: Approved as corrected

Treasurer:

(1) There was no discussion on the financials as submitted.

(2) Re our liaison with bookkeeper: Any questions should go through the treasurer. Do not contact bookkeeper or cc her on emails. Treasurer will forward everything to her as needed. Reimbursement forms should be delivered directly to MaryAnn Vinck per instructions on the form. Motion to enact this as a policy unanimously passed.

(3) Raffle: Issue with state of California and raffle. It was suggested that this could be arranged by calling the raffle an “opportunity drawing.” However, Treasurer has said that bookkeeper filed paperwork to call it a raffle. *French will check minutes when this was discussed last year. This will be discussed at the September meeting.*

(4) CD renewal: Treasurer asked for a motion to renew CD. Motion made and passed.

Gaidmore: Petals for Patriots:

We have been doing these with donated flowers. Sometimes there haven't been any free flowers, and committee has had to go to the flower mart and ask for flower donations. She wants to know if the board has any ideas on how we could get more flowers or cash to do this project. Perhaps some of the proceeds from the raffle could be earmarked for this program. Costarakis asked if there was some way to acknowledge people's donations. Suggested that a helmet be passed for a collection. This is a great PR opportunity, so please take pictures when you are working on the flowers. Also suggested that someone walk around and take up a collection at the concert in the park this Friday. It is also possible to ask local businesses to sponsor the project. Quillin also suggested that we get people at the concert to sign cards for the soldiers. *Suggested that P Brooks be notified that we want to do this at the concert; Quillin to do this.* French also suggested that *Gaidmore make an announcement at the general meeting.* Costarakis suggested that sponsorships be denoted at \$50 and \$100.

Borden: Communications:

Enews is looking good. Quarterly newsletter has also gone out electronically. Needs to be smaller; won't open for a lot of people. Website is updated, postcards are out.

Programs, Lawley:

Mural on Goldfinch was tagged, apparently by different gangs. Has been cleaned, tagging painted out. Gaidmore wants to reimburse property manager for his supplies. Funds coming out of the projects budget for mural maintenance to do this.

Education, Shelley:

Students from Grant School will help with weeding the tennis courts once school starts. She is also looking for additional committee members for the Education committee.

Garden Walk: Pehl and Kissling No report

Hospitality: D Quillin

Thanks to D Quillin for hospitality for the meeting and congratulations on relandscaping. Quillin—5 people showed for the pressed flower notecards, after 18 people signed up. Pot luck Friday night—only 9 people have signed up. *Borden was asked to send out an email reminding people about the concert. Could we give 2 passes to meetings to Mission Hills Heritage and a recent newsletter for gift baskets given to new homeowners? Strona so moved, seconded by Moseley. Unanimously passed; Quillin to do. Shelley suggested that whoever gives out the tickets mark where they went in order to track where they come from.*

Borden: Suggested that inventory of club materials be put on line so that everyone can access it. If people use things, they are asked to notify the web person. Everyone should email Treasurer if they have any equipment belonging to the club. Please send this email by July 31.

Membership: Strona

184 members currently. Approx. 50 of last year's members have not renewed their memberships. *Strona will ask members who have not renewed why they are not renewing.* Discussion regarding how the club may appear too cliquish to new people. Also, people who volunteer their time need to feel appreciated. *Borden suggested that we check with previous Membership Chair to see where we are in relation to last year at the same time.* Also memberships were not given to homeowners from the Garden Walk, which somewhat skews the numbers of members.

Programs: French

Fausto next week on urban forests. August will be Living Walls. September Tiger Palafox will talk about pruning.

Special Events: Costarakis

A trip to Rancho La Puerta is being considered, and the chair is looking at different formats. She will report at the next meeting on what has been decided.

Old Business

D. Disraeli has been asked to chair a think tank that will discuss future directions that the club might take and new ideas. *He will put together a committee of 3-4 people to work on this.*

New Business

Membership Appreciation Party will be held in November. *Special Events and Hospitality Chairs (Quillin and Costarakis) will work on possible formats, and propose their ideas at the next board meeting.*

Club awards: It was asked that we consider doing the work necessary to apply for some awards from the Palomar District Gardening Association. This will be on the agenda next month, and board members are asked to think about whether the club should get involved further with changing formats on existing documents in order to apply for awards from Palomar.

Answering machine: *Meredith French will download messages from evoice and forward them to appropriate persons.*

Representative to Palomar: Besides president Fritschner, *the club needs to appoint an additional representative to the district.*

The next board meeting will be held at Meredith French's on August 11th at 5:30.

Meeting adjourned at 6 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Kathy Jones, Recording Secretary

