

Minutes

Mission Hills Garden Club

September 7, 2011 Board Meeting

Location: Mission Hills Nursery 1525 Fort Stockton Drive

5:30 PM

Next meeting: October 12, 2011 (Refreshments Pehl); 5:30 p.m.

Refreshments will be served at the meeting; the refreshment schedule is as follows: October 12 Pehl, November 9 Starr, January 11 Skillman, Feb 8 ???, March 14 Shelley, April 11 Stanley, May 9 Koch. (Please note, paper goods will be available at the nursery.)

Present: Fausto, T. Palafox, Moseley, Hartwell, Koch, Starr, Shelley,

Excused: Skillman, Carter, Pehl, French, Stanley

Call to order: 6.41

Fausto Palafox

Program

In the past no regular meeting in November; this year tentatively a hands-on event with Carlos from Greene or Hartwell's wife. Get a show of hands at the next meeting who is interested in the event. We still need to fill the position of the program chair.

Secretary. Sabine Starr

Minutes approved as sent out via e-mail, revised version. Minutes will be posted on the website by Stanley

Treasurer's report. Carol Moseley

Report approved as electronically distributed

Membership report (2nd VP). Lee Skillman

Total # of PAID Memberships: 148

(16 New Members + 115 Individual Renewals + 17 Couple Renewals = 168 Total # of Members)

Income Received (6/01/11 – 9/14/11):

\$ 4,025 from Individual Renewals (115 x \$35 = \$4,025)

\$ 850 from Couple Renewals (17 x \$50) = \$ 850)

\$ 170 from NEW Memberships Received after 6/01/11 (2 Indiv x \$35 + 2 Couples x \$50)

TOTAL: \$ 5,045

3 people have responded that they will not be renewing:

Nancy Garner and Nancy Outzs Laidlow (both are “no longer living in the area”)

and Kathy

Hargrove

64 Members have NOT Renewed:

* 8 Couples = 16 Members (many are without emails addresses... they will receive a “reminder call” this weekend)

* 48 Individuals

Other Updates:

* We received quite a few Renewal Checks in the last several weeks as a direct result of two emails I sent out only to those members who have not yet renewed. I will make some phone calls this weekend.

* Current Email Addresses: I emailed Meredith French an updated list of email addresses on 9-11-11.

* Name Badges: Carolyn Fossett received an updated list of Current Members (New Members & Renewed Members broken out by Couple and Individual status) on 9-11-11. She also has a list of the Pending Renewal members. Carolyn has graciously offered to help me by printing out all the New Member Name Badges for September’s meeting.

* Labels for Postcards: Betsy Morris received an updated list of current mailing addresses for all members (New, Renewed and Pending) on 9-11-11. We are having formatting challenges to get this information into a Microsoft “label” document for printing labels and I have not had time to create a new

document by manually inputting each members information into a correct format for printing labels... so, I offered to help handwrite labels this weekend if needed.

Committee reports:

Communications

Fausto shows new website proposal. It is intended to be simple and easy to use. Hartwell suggests a slide show with MH gardens, members' gardens. French does photos for credit.

Mock-up is at

<http://missionhillsgardenclub.org/index-new.php>

Community Projects. Jeff Koch

Completed project at Pioneer Park. The expenses of the project within the Community Projects' 2011-2012 budget was allocated at 10 000 \$. Park and Rec. donated the tree and associated costs to implement the project, therefore the work and expenses for this project will not be incurred by the MHGC. . Fausto suggests to look into how the GC can get credit visible for the community. The tree is named "The Mission Hills Friendship Tree". This info is to be used whenever possible. Koch asks how and if the 10 000 \$ can be reallocated to a new

project. Moseley confirmed that it can be reallocated within the Projects Committee as it is already part of the Committee's approved budget. Fausto suggests to start to look for a project. Koch said brainstorming had begun and will keep the board informed of new projects. T. Palafox suggests to have some of the budget for the PR. Moseley mentioned we have 2000 of publicity budget. It was agreed that any reallocation of this project's (Pioneer Park Tree) work and expense budget would be toward another project(s). The Eco runner event had a great turnout. Let the membership and anyone interested know about what the GC does. Starr recommends to put the stories in the blog. Discuss the possibility of a historian's collection of things the club does next time with our historian.

Koch reports that the committee works on a commemorative plaque for the Kisslings. The question is if this is a topic for the projects committee. Moseley suggests to put the expense under Administration.

Education. Mary Shelly

Next coffee in the garden is Saturday October 15, 10am-12pm at Cottonwood Grove in the river park. Projects takes on the hosting, coordination and expense for this one.

Garden Walk. Tiger Palafox

T. Palafox mentions that he will ask for volunteers at the next member meeting and get started with detailed lists. Hartwell wishes for making sure the gardens are well taken care of. Palafox thinks the cut-off point is before the program is

being printed.

Hospitality. Martha Pehl

We back in our usual room for this month. What we are allowed to do at the newly remodeled room is yet to be determined. Tiger will ask Pepper about it and let Pehl know.

Special Events. Wally Hartwell

Moseley encourages Hartwell to submit the costs/budget. Fausto mentions the coffee/wine in the garden as a possibility to improve our presence for our club. Musicians add class so it, makes it a real event for the guests, according to Hartwell. He also suggests to make sure the quality of the food and drinks is of high.

Oct. 15th, 10 - 12 will be the next coffee in the garden. It is taken care of by Education.

Hartwell wants to stay informed about the event. Moseley reminds Hartwell to confirm gardens for the upcoming coffees in the garden and make sure to inform Moseley about the insurance for the events with the date and event.

Old business

Next member meeting:

Fausto would like to have a little report about the eventful summer about it from the board members.

Fausto encourages board member to discuss any items at board meetings and let him know ahead.

1. Raffle Follow-up. Moseley takes 30 \$ cash from last raffle.
- 2) Nothing new on Storage will do after vacation

New business

Program Suggestions

There is an urgency to fill the position. The programs are in place.

Responsibilities: come up with the programs for the year, arrange with hospitality. Fausto will ask Pehl for ideas. Fausto wishes to have more interactive programs.

Recognize Larry and Liz Taking care of Tennis courts

Larry has been keeping the Tennis courts clean, weeded and watered . He is not a member. Starr suggests to give him an honorary membership. Approved. Let´s invite them to the meeting and present them.

Meeting adjourned: 7:15
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