

MHGC Board Meeting, April 13, 2011

Present: Lawley, Moseley, Shelley, Starr, Strona, Jones, Bishop, Costarakis, Pehl, Borden.

Absent: French, Fritschner, Quillin

Meeting was opened at 5:35 by B Strona.

Minutes were approved as distributed.

Treasurer: Report approved as electronically distributed.

New Business: Plant a Tree Project

Carol Wilson, Barbara Kocmur, and Fausto Palafox made a presentation regarding planting more trees. Fausto reported that there is a shortage of 300,000 trees in San Diego; places where trees were lost and have not been replaced. The group wants to begin a program by initially planting a dozen trees in Mission Hills. They are hoping to get the Urban Corps to do the work of planting, but want the GC to initially help with funding, provide a place where people can donate (use the 501(c)3, and possibly provide insurance to cover the planting of the trees.

Trees can be in strip medians, canyons, and other public areas. The purpose of the trees would be to beautify, provide oxygen, act as erosion controls and prevent runoff into the ocean. The particular trees to be planted will need to be approved by the city, which has a list of approved trees.

Scott Borden suggested that the Projects Committee adopt this program in the coming fiscal year. The Tree Project people would like to collect money in the form of donations and keep it separate from the regular GC funds. The Tree Project will be a separate sub committee, and donations to the project will be kept separately from other Project Committee funds.

Motion by Moseley to affiliate the Tree Project under the Projects Committee, and have the committee under the funding for the Projects Committee for the next fiscal year. Seconded and passed unanimously.

Tree Project can use MHGC to begin collecting funds, and will be included in the email blasts.

Communications Committee: She will leave old issues of newsletters out at the meeting. New posters are up in the community.

Education: Presentation by Crawford School at the last meeting went very well.

Garden Walk: All is in order. Banners up, tickets on sale, book is being worked on, they have enough docents. Booklet is looking good. There will be a t shirt also, with the palm trees on them. Are soliciting for personal ads for the book; they only have space for 14 ads. If anyone wants one, email Jim Bishop and drop a check for \$30 off to him. There will be a wine reception from 3:30 – 5 at MHN, and a private reception for the homeowners and chairs after that.

Scott reminded that whoever is in charge needs to contact all those who signed up to work online. This month's meeting ties in with the Garden Walk, so it is important to get the correct info about the meeting out in the email blast.

Membership: Time to renew. There will be an eblast and a link for people to pay on paypal.

Special Events: Discussion regarding honoring specific members and when an opportune time to do so might be.

Old Business:

Nominating Committee: No committee has been appointed. The committee is to be made up of the president, past president, and at least one other person. It is imperative that the president get this committee going per the bylaws, and fill the positions. This is part of the president's job and it needs to be done right away.

Meeting adjourned at 6:45. **Next board meeting will be at 5:30 May 11th, at Carol Costarakis' home.**