

**The Garden Club of Santa Barbara
Board Meeting
Monday, October 30, 2017**

President Susanne Tobey called the meeting to order at 9:35 am.

Others present were Alex Bongaerts, Sharon Bradford, Sally Fairbanks, Vicki Hough, Dana Kent, Amy Mayfield, Susanne McEwen, Anne Rhett Merrill, Carol Newman, Leslie Power, Vicky Strickland, Teri Taylor, Susanne Tobey, Mary Thomas, Joan Zacher

President: Susanne welcomed all and thanked Vicky Strickland for hosting the meeting.

Minutes: The minutes of the September Board Meeting were approved as distributed.

Treasurer: Carol Newman reported account balances of \$33,351.01 in the Administrative Account and \$50,000.00 in the club's Community Fund Account for a total of \$83,351.01 in our checking account.

Carol has emailed committee chairs their budgets for this fiscal year. She asked members to use the Treasurer's Form to request reimbursement and to submit income reports. The form is on our website in the Members Only section. Carol reported that 44 of the 2018 GCA Annual Meeting scarves have been sold to date

First Vice President: No report.

Second Vice President: In Betsy Coates's absence, President Susanne reminded members that Betsy held an orientation and luncheon for our outstanding provisionals, Dawn Lafitte, Lana McIntyre, Meghan Stoll and our honorary member, Botanic Garden Executive Director Dr. Steve Windhager

Communications: Vicki Hough reminded all that she has asked Committee Chairs to email her their committee's purpose statement and something about what the committee will be doing this year. In *Budding News*, Vicki will educate members about using Paperless Post. Maria Black will manage our Instagram account and post all photos.

Conservation: Alex Bongaerts spoke briefly about the UC Natural Reserve System mentioning the Sedgwick and Santa Cruz Island reserves, two among seven in our region. She informed members of GCA's C-Change Conversations, designed to educate members in a non-partisan way about the local and global effects of our changing climate. Alex is working on scheduling a January 25, 2018 presentation at Casa Dorinda when the national speakers, Kathleen Biggins and Katy Kinsolving, will be in California.

Floral Design: In the absence of Laura Kuhn's and April Riessen, Susanne noted that plans are under way for the centerpiece preparation for the upcoming fundraiser. Floral Committee will have all greens available for the December meeting Visiting Nurse arrangements. Nancy Read will chair Lady Buds, which will meet at Jocelyne Meeker's home on November 8 at 9:00 am.

Garden History and Design: In Sara Sewall's absence President Susanne stated that she has asked Sara to share the template she designed to assist members who have not documented their gardens.

Horticulture: Sally Fairbanks reminded members that she is working on holding a propagation workshop geared to the new provisional, but open to all members at the Botanic Garden. She informed all that the Museum of Natural History has invited members to plant and, approximately twice a year, to maintain a small garden of native plants historically and currently important the Chumash, as well as the Butterfly Pavilion. Secondly, Santa Barbara Beautiful will welcome our help to plant trees when the draught is over. Additionally, she encouraged all to consider proposing a native plant to submit for next year's Freeman Medal. The contest is the first collaboration between the Photography and Horticulture Committees.

Hospitality: No report.

Membership: Dana Kent reported that she has alerted her committee to meet with the women being introduced at the November 6 Open General Meeting at the Santa Barbara Museum of Art, and encouraged all to think of whom they'd like to propose and bring to that meeting or to the second Open General Meeting on February 5 in the Sanctuary of the Montecito Covenant Church.

Projects: No report. Susanne McEwen showed the article in the current issue of the Casa Del Herrero magazine detailing the herb garden funded by GCSB. It will be published in the *Budding News*.

Programs: Susanne McEwen discussed the next general meeting program, photographer David Perry's presentation at the Art Museum. For all upcoming programs, see the *General Meeting Programs and Events* section of the Membership Roster, 2017-2018.

Visiting Gardens: Mary Thomas announced that Pasadena GC has fifty sign-ups for their mid-May Santa Barbara tour. Rose Story Farm is their first stop then they're on to private gardens.

Ways & Means: Amy Mayfield and Sharon Bradford engaged all in discussion about their opportunity to enthusiastically encourage Holiday Fundraiser attendance during the November 6 Open General Meeting. Again, they thanked Mari Mitchel who provided lovely artwork for the invitations. It was agreed that members would follow up by email with friends to whom invitations are sent. Carol Newman will inventory checkout supplies. Committee chairs will gather needed volunteers. Three workshops are set:

November 8, a 10:30 am Bulb planting at San Marcos Growers; November 16, a Horticulture/pot planting at San Marcos Growers; December 5, a 10:00 am Wreath embellishment workshop day at Sharon Bradford's home and, December 6, a 9:00 am "All hands on deck" to help set up the Boutique at the Double Tree Hotel. James Farmer will be staying at Birnam and plans are underway for a visit to Lotusland and Casa del Herrero plus a dinner at Tides.

Old Business

Members: President Susanne announced that she expects to receive soon and will forward to all GCSB members the notice from GCA regarding registration for the April, 2018 Zone XII Annual Meeting in San Francisco. Additionally, she said she'd like to submit an article about our commitment to the Cancer Center Flowers program, like the one Susanne McEwen wrote for *Budding News*, for publication in the *GCA Bulletin*.

New Business

Members: President Susanne described the big push for GCA's 2nd Century Campaign to raise funds to support its mission and growth over the next 100 years. The concern is to build GCA's endowment by reaching out to individuals, individual clubs and foundations.

Adjournment: There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 10:54 am.

Respectfully submitted,

Leslie Power,
Recording Secretary