

The Garden Club of Santa Barbara
General Meeting
January 6, 2020
Minutes

Meeting called to order: Vice President Mary Thomas called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m.

Mary Thomas thanked the Maritime Museum for hosting us and introduced the President of the museum, Don Barthelmus who welcomed the Garden Club of Santa Barbara.

Mary Thomas thanked Linda Phillips for the hospitality with Peggy Ittner and Ellen Pillsbury. The flowers were brought by members who attended Cheryl Miller's floral design workshop; Vicki Hough, Betsey Moller, Susanne McEwen, Susanne Tobey, and Ladeen Miller.

Treasurer: Alex Bongaerts shared the account balances: \$89,450.66 total; \$56,000.00 in the community account and \$39,450.66 in the administrative account.

Membership: Norma Jean Shaw welcomed Cheryl Ziegler as a new sustaining member. There are two names under consideration for Provisional membership to the GCSB. All applications are due January 31, 2020.

Ways & Means: Betsy Coates and Meghan Stoll announced that the Holiday fundraiser at Field + Fort raised more than \$5500.00. Thank you to Susie Bechtell.

There will be no fundraiser in Spring 2020.

Visiting gardens: Mary Hampson encouraged all members interested in the May 11 - 16 San Francisco Bay Area trip to sign up and send in their money. Mary agreed to resend the email with all of the information.

Garden History & Design: Teri Taylor reminded members to enter their gardens into the member photo album. Susie Bechtel asked that Teri please send the email with the questionnaire to help with the write up portion.

There will also be a photography committee meeting so please email Teri if you are on the committee and would like to be included.

Floral Design: Cheryl Miller stated that the floral arranging workshop went well.

Cheryl's tips included: use of a bungee cord to help transport floral arrangements, when using orchids without stems; hydrate flowers first and then use floral adhesive to place them accordingly, and using water tubes for greenery in flower shows is fine as long as they aren't visible.

Horticulture: Amy Mayfield announced that there will be a rose pruning workshop at Casa del Herrero from 9:30 - 11:30 on Tuesday, January 14. A future date will also be announced for the Kokedama workshop.

Conservation: Puck Erickson gave her position paper on Transportation, specifically in the Santa Barbara area, and how it relates to challenges with environmental issues.

Programs: Mari Mitchel and Carol Newman announced the next General meeting on February 3, 2020 at the Direct Relief Headquarters. The topic is how to prepare for your vegetable garden and the Conservation Committee will also give a presentation on pollinators. It is an open meeting with a box lunch afterwards. Please RSVP and send \$22.00 to Peggy Ittner. Also, please bring a vegetarian recipe to exchange at the meeting.

Communications: Please submit information to the Budding News by Friday, January 10, 2020.

Announcements: Lady Buds will take place at Nancy Reed's house on Wednesday, January 8, 2020 at 9:00 a.m.

Old Business: none

New Business: none

Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 10:50 a.m.