Homer Garden Club

Board of Directors Meeting via Zoom

May 12, 2022

Jan (sitting in for Kathy) called the meeting to order at 10:30.

Attendance: Janice, Connie, Sally, Barb, Paula, Elaine, Louise and Julie

Announcements: Barb - Volunteer from HGC has been requested by the Peony Festival Committee to attend their meetings. First is Wednesday 5:30 to 7:00 at the Chamber.

Secretaries Report: **Motion** by Sally to approve the minutes of the March 19, 2022 Board of Directors meeting, Jan seconds the motion, passes unanimously.

Treasurer’s Report: Louise - Money coming in, paid for website and have received 3 payments for the ads in newsletter. $22,300 in the bank, starting to spend for garden tour and odds and ends for the plant sale. Paula: has some receipts to turn in for printing the newsletter.

Committee Reports:

Gardeners Weekend: Louise - Error in the newsletter on dates; July 17 is the big tour day 11:00 to 5:00, 6 gardens 3 of the 6 connected by walking trail, the other 3 will be driving. Tickets are $15.00 available at the membership meeting on Sunday and at the plant sale. Arrangements being made for purchasing tickets online and there will be a table set up at the Book Store, 300 tickets will be sold. The after party is for volunteers, garden owners and board members and one significant other 6:00 to 8:00, at Ageya, will have dessert and wine. We need 2 sets of volunteers for each garden to keep it organized and moving along. The 24th is the garden share, 2 gardens including Jan’s, free to members, limited to 100 tickets. Decided that spouses can attend if they they become a member or if there are still tickets available. Not sure about hours yet.

Speakers Report: Sally - Since we are done for this year, looking for ideas for speakers/presenters for next year.

Baycrest Garden: Sally - Clean up starts at 10:00 on Saturday and goes until noon, not providing pizza this year.

Social Committee: Michael is out of town, Sally asking for volunteers for snacks for the Sunday meeting.

Data Base: Barb - 2 new members at about 98 now. Discussion about when memberships renew. **Motion** by Jan to extend memberships until the following year if someone becomes a member or renews their membership to attend gardeners weekend since renewal date is 9/30; Julie seconds, passes unanimously.

Newsletter: Paula - There will be a June newsletter, articles are needed.

Publicity: Julie - Updated the calendar of events. Posted on facebook upcoming meeting and need to redo the plant sale announcement to correct the dates.

Plant Sale: Julie - Elaine and Julie went to Shirley’s and got plants, we have 16 flats from Tracy, need her address for a thank you. There are 2 volunteers so far – start around 9:00 for set up. Louise: remember to stay later for clean up. Paula: Cookie always gives plants so Paula will check with her. Jan or Sally will put together an announcement for KBBI. The sale starts at 11:00. Pratt is having plant sale at the same time, overlaps, but goes later than HGC sale.

Scholarship: Louise - No one applied for scholarship this year; will discuss this fall a different approach. Need to revisit the guidelines for the scholarship.

Julie: please send scholarship app to BOD. **Motion** by Louise to add $1,000 into the program budget line item for summer programs for education, keep scholarship, Jan seconds the motion. Discussion around how to set the new summer program up, motion fails by majority vote. Decided to meet in August to finalize this discussion and the budget. Everyone think about it and deal with it as a board.

Drop box: Connie – Per the October 6, 2021 meeting decided to post meetings for 12 months. Decided to wait to talk to Kathy about this subject.

**Motion** by Jan to continue board meetings on Zoom and have the membership meetings in person, Julie seconds the motion, passes unanimously.

Regarding Peony Committee – Do we have a volunteer for the Wed. peony festival? 5:30 to 7. No one interested. **Motion** by Jan to give $300 to the Peony Committee, motion seconded by Julie, passes unanimously.

Meeting adjourned at 11:30