

Minutes of Homer Garden Club Board Meeting - March 18th, 2021

Gathered via Zoom at 12 pm.

Present: Kathy, Paula, Louise, Francie, Ruth, Jan, Barb, Elaine

Absent: Sally, Julie, Michael

Submitted by: Ruth Dickerson

REPORTS

Presidents Announcement Copies of the Garden Club's book are arriving – see more details under treasurer's report

Secretary. Previous minutes approved (Motion: Paula/Louise)

Treasurer. Currently in the combined accounts - \$18,626.80 No major expenses or windfalls. 30 copies of the book have been sold to The Homer Bookstore and 2 to the Wagon Wheel. 200 more copies arriving today that Louise will get to the storage unit. Copies can also be ordered on Amazon.

Gardeners Weekend. Because some of our best potential gardens for a 2021 tour are not available due to Covid concerns, the committee decided to change the format for this year.

Rather than a 'showing' of grand gardens we hope to have a more informal 'sharing' of gardens in progress or those with limited features. Perhaps 3 or 4 gardens in a somewhat concentrated area open on a Thursday from 4 – 6 pm. Masks required.

Tours will be open to Garden Club members only with a limit of 75 tickets at a cost of \$10. Non members have the option to join the club, then buy a member ticket.

A request for volunteer gardens was written up in the latest newsletter and an announcement will be made during Sundays general meeting.

Speakers. Francie will be the speaker this Sunday 21st March on Hydroponics. Attendance will be via Zoom and the presentation will be recorded for later viewing (and for the secretary who will be off in the wilderness).

Drip Irrigation was suggested as a possible topic for a May 16th general meeting. Board members shared some of their successful personal experiences. Francie suggested gathering a 3 person panel. Recommendations were Panama Reds (who actually sell lots of the necessary supplies), Seaside farms (who use drip irrigation extensively in their high tunnels), Steve Veldstra of Wagon Wheel and Louise Ashmun who set one up in Idaho. Jan will research options.

Soil amendments was also mentioned as an interesting topic.

It is hoped that the October meeting could be in person – but continuing to offer Zoom attendance and recordings.

Baycrest Garden. Quietly resting under an accumulation of snow

Social. Pass

Database/Memberships. A couple of new members from afar. Total of 78 is down from 2 yrs ago

Newsletter. Such a great job thank you Paula. Paula expressed gratitude to article writers.

Publicity. Julie continues to manage the website for us.

Info on Sunday's Zoom meeting is posted on the website and facebook with links for joining in
The meeting is also advertised in the latest newsletter and on KBBi

Plant Sale. May 22nd . Space on the Chamber of Commerce property has been reserved. Some concern re Covid mitigation, but the general opinion was that with the outdoor setting, the prevalence of vaccinations and a requirement for masks – we should be able to host this popular fundraising event. Barb will rally support at Sunday's general meeting.

OTHER BUSINESS

Scholarship. Francie reported that as yet there has been no response from High School students

Of Special Interest . Panama Reds does have Fishy Bone Meal for sale

Blood, Sweat, Food farm still accepts composting materials and may have product for sale come May

Meeting Adjourned at 12.50 pm

Next Board meeting Undecided