Homer Garden Club

Membership Meeting at Aspen Hotel and via Zoom

January 15, 2023

Meeting called to order by President Kathy Dube’ at 2:00

Announcements: Janice – we have an older projector if anyone is interested in taking it, let Janice know.

Secretaries Report: Nothing to report – Paula moves to approve the membership meeting minutes of November 20, 2022, Michael seconds, no discussion, motion passes unanimously.

Treasurers Report: Louise – currently have $27,000 total in accounts. Three years ago someone was stealing plants from Baycrest Garden and was caught on the camera. Small claims filed with the court and finally in December the Club received $225.00 in restitution.

Committee Reports:

Gardener’s Weekend – Annie: Francie will be out of state for at least 3 weeks. Currently have four unique confirmed gardens, would like at least 1 or 2 more. Looking for small gardens for members only tour, looking for suggestions. Main tour will be July 16 this year.

Speaker’s Committee – Janice: February will be Jeff Dean on garden art, March we’lll have Lindsey Olsen on kelp farming, April we’ll have Jason Davis on making mead, using berries and working with bees. May is still open.

Baycrest Garden – Kathy: nothing new to report

Plant Sale – Julie: looking at May 20th this year

Social Committee – Michael: refreshments for the meetings are covered, but only have 1 person signed up for April, need 1 more.

Data Base – Barb: as of today we have 89 members

Charitable Giving Workgroup – Kathy: new committee being headed by Julie to redo Club giving guidelines and to make suggestions for projects that HGC might support.  In response to member comments, Louise explained that the project suggestions that came out of the group's first meeting are educational efforts that fit the guidelines in the current HGC bylaws.  Giving to organizations or projects that are not educational (like city beautifying projects) would require a change in the bylaws.  The Committee will update the current donation policy for the Board's consideration.  Meetings are via Zoom, contact Julie for participation.

Kathy adjourns meeting at 2:30, next membership meeting will be February 19th at the Aspen.

Jan Peyton introduces Dr. Jessica Cherry with NOAA to speak on climate and temperature changes over the years and how to access NOAA climate data.