Homer Garden Club

Membership Meeting at the Aspen Hotel and via Zoom

April 16, 2023

Business meeting called to order by President Kathy Dube’ at 2:05

Announcements – None

Secretary’s Report – Kathy for Connie: Minutes are posted on the website and in the newsletter.

Treasurer’s Report - Louise: Treasurers report is in the monthly newsletter, bottom line is we have $26,653.77 as of the end of March. At the Board meeting on Thursday we approved some money to upgrade our computer and microphone to better deal with zoom meetings and when we have a speaker either in person or on zoom.

Committee Reports –

Gardener’s Weekend: Francie – Still scheduled for Sunday July 16th, we have six that range from a beautiful rock garden to a small Japanese garden and a very artistic garden is on tour this year. Tickets are going on sale at the next Garden Club meeting, at the Book Store and at the Plant Sale for $15.00. We still need volunteers and Annie has the sign-up sheet to pass around. We are having an after party for volunteers, garden owners and the Board of Directors Tuesday July 18th. Also this year we are having small garden tours for members only on July 30th featuring a mushroom farm and a greenhouse that has an innovative way of heating and growing and looking at a third garden that also uses alternative energy.

Speaker’s Committee: Jan – Today we have Jason Davis and next month Beth Van Sandt who is co-owner of a peony farm to speak on growing and propagating. We have someone lined up for November and we’re looking at forming a panel of experienced gardeners for questions and answers in the October meeting. If you are interested in being on the panel please let us know.

Baycrest Garden: Brenda – Looking for volunteers to maintain, May is covered and most of June, but July and August we need people. Two people at a time go up once a week to weed and clean up around. Something anyone can come to is the spring clean up scheduled for Saturday May 13th at 10:00. If we have a good turnout it only takes about two hours.

Plant Sale: Kathy for Julie – Originally scheduled for May 20th but because there is still so much snow, we may look at changing it to the 27th. Once it is decided we will let everyone know which date; asking for volunteers to set up, work the sale and clean up afterward. Once you can get in your gardens, please think about dividing plants or if you have extras, we are always looking for plant donations to sell. This is our biggest fund raiser of the year. It is always fun and goes really fast.

Social Committee: Michael – Want to thank Rondy and Marie for the great snacks and next month is covered.

Data Base: Barb – Membership is at 121, if you are signed up and not getting a newsletter, let Barb know so she can update her spreadsheet with correct information.

General Giving Committee: Kathy for Julie – Committee formed to use our funds to help with gardening and share information. The Board approved the guidelines on Thursday, thank you to the committee who worked on this. The General Giving Guidelines will be printed in the next newsletter, the membership will vote at the May meeting.

Other Business: Kathy – We are looking for volunteers to be on the Board; openings are for Secretary to take and record the minutes for the Board of Directors and membership meetings. Treasurer Louise: Will be onboard for awhile, but would like someone to shadow and learn the ropes to take over, everything is on Excel. Website: Someone with computer skills to maintain and post to HGC website and Face book. Kathy: Also looking for someone with audiovisual experience to set up computer, microphone and screen for the speakers at membership meetings; needs to be someone who can be here in the winter for the meetings. Thank you for considering.

Meeting adjourned at 2:30

Next membership meeting will be May 21st.

Jan Peyton introduces Jason Davis from Sweetgale Meadworks.