Homer Garden Club

Membership Meeting at the Aspen Hotel and via Zoom

May 21, 2023

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

Announcements – Yarrow: Pratt is up and running with programs and will have the plant sale the same date HGC. Jan: Oceanside Farms is looking for people who would like to work at the farm, also Don and Donna Rae have a new book out on Korean natural farming and will be for sale at the HGC plant sale.

Secretary’s Report – Kathy: The club is looking to fill the Secretary position on the Board, it is a critical position for the club to function so if anyone is interested in volunteering to record the minutes of the Board of Directors meetings (via Zoom) once a month and the membership meetings, please let us know.

Treasurer’s Report – Louise: Everything is the same as what was in the newsletter, we have $26,000. At the Board of Directors meeting on Thursday we voted to take $15,000 from the money market account and put it in a 9 month CD which will earn 4.55% interest as opposed to 0.25%. Kendall DellaSparanza has volunteered to become Treasurer and will be shadowing Louise for a short time. HGC books are $25.00 each and are available at the Wagon Wheel and the Bookstore.

Committee Reports

 Gardener’s Weekend: Annie – the tours will be Sunday, July 16; we had 6 gardens but one had to drop out so we now have 5 unique gardens. Tickets are $15.00 and are on sale here, at the plant sale and at the Bookstore after June 1. We need hostess volunteers, 6 morning slots were filled, but now only need 5 so hoping someone will move to the afternoon where we need 3. The after party will be Tuesday July 18th for garden owners, volunteers and the Board of Directors. We had the garden share scheduled for late July, but the mushroom farmer decided to wait a year, so the decision was made to cancel it altogether for this year.

 Speakers Committee: Jan – have a lot of ideas we’re working on, if anyone has suggestions, please let Jan know.

 Baycrest Garden: Brenda – we got the gardens cleaned out with about 20 people and only took an hour and a quarter but now we need volunteers to do the weekly maintenance. We have 2 people sign up for each week, any day and any time you choose, to weed and in July dead heading as necessary. We have all of May, June and July covered, need 2 people for the week of August 13th, August 20th and the first 2 weeks of September.

 Plant Sale: Julie – sale seems to be under control but we are always nervous that volunteers won’t show up so there is a signup sheet that you can put down your name and what you were planning to do to help with the sale. Rain is in the forecast so we’ll have the tents on site if we need them. Setup will start at about 8:30; plants come in at 9:00 and cashiers there about 10:30 so we can have everything ready to start at 11:00. Tear down at about 11:30.

 Social Committee: Michael – has a signup sheet for refreshments next season starting in October; would like to have 2 or 3 people for each membership meeting. Kathy – harvest dinner on the 17th of September is planned to be at the Aspen and will be Harvest hors d’ oeuvres like last year where everyone brings something to share.

 Data Base: Barb – we have 114 members.

 General Giving Committee: Julie – guidelines were printed in the newsletter giving everyone a chance to read it and we will be voting on this today. Julie makes motion that the membership approves the giving guidelines as printed in the May newsletter, Brenda seconds, no discussion or opposition; the motion is unanimously approved. A committee is needed to follow the guidelines and approve applications.

Meeting adjourned at 2:33