Homer Garden Club

Membership Meeting via Zoom

January 16, 2022

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

26 attendees; no new announcements

Secretaries Report – Nothing to report

Treasurers Report – Louise: We have $21,690 in our total bank resources, so we are doing well despite COVID and lack of face to face meetings. Want everyone to know that we are staying abreast of everything. Bills in the budget are being paid. Brenda: Rather large bank account, are there any plans to spend some money on anything in particular? Louise: No big money plans, we have the $1,000 scholarship and we generally have about $2,000 we make in donations to various projects within the city. Last year we did make a small $250 donation, but we didn’t have some of the big things we usually do because of COVID. Last year’s plant sale yielded almost $3,000 in profits which was mind boggling.

Committees:

 Gardeners Weekend – Francie: Planning first gardener’s tour for the third weekend in July, large like we’ve had in the past. We are also planning a smaller event for HGC members only, similar to the one last year, one or two weekends after. We are in preliminary stages of planning, more details to come but we think we will have some very interesting gardens to see.

Brenda: Are you planning a walk about type gardens like a couple of years ago? Francie: For the big event we are planning a healthy garden event. Ruth: We like the idea of connecting quite a few gardens and make use of some trails.

 Speakers Committee – Jan: The speaker today (Jaime Rodriquez) hasn’t come on board for today. Next month Debbie Henche (sp?) from Anchorage will be presenting on what fruits grow well in Anchorage and our area. March will be Brenda talking about garden design. Brenda: Would like some feedback on different options, one would be art and viewing the garden as an art form. The other is colors in the garden, what colors go well with others. Consensus is for the second option – colors. Michael asked if timing of when things bloom and whether to cut back or not could be incorporated. Brenda will address much of this with the color scheme theme.

 Baycrest Gardens – Brenda: Volunteered to co-chair the committee. Last year the clean-up was the same weekend as the plant sale and it went well. The clean-up usually happens in early May. Then we ask for two people to sign up for maintenance each week. We will have sign-up sheets here in another two months or so; March newsletter would be a good time to get the word out and start the process of people picking their weeks.

 Social Committee – Michael: Looking forward to having live meetings again to provide snacks.

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 Data Base Report – Barbara: Just sent renewal notices to everybody, there were 55 people who voted for our board members so have their membership renewed with another 20 paid members in addition. Everyone needs to pay their dues by next month so you can continue to get the newsletter, attend the members only gardener’s weekend and hear all of our speakers.

 Newsletter – Paula: Encouraging people to send in commercial or self written articles; always looking for interesting items for the newsletter.

 Plant Sale – Jan: Julie and Jan have volunteered to take charge. Waiting to see what the weather does to finalize date, possibly end of May.

 Scholarship – Kathy: Anyone interested in gardening and learning how to garden, the $1,000 scholarship is available. Francie: The committee has everything organized. Preferential for high school graduates, but anyone can apply who wants to learn more. There is a fine line between businesses and individuals who want to further themselves.

Guest speaker still not present so Francie has graciously volunteered to do a slide presentation on Biosphere 2 in Arizona as generated by Tony Burgess.

Meeting adjourned at 2:30