

2024 9-12 BD

Carmel by-the-Sea Garden Club

September 12, 2024
Home of Barbara Davidge

Present: Bell, Carmichael, Davidge, Fish, Gustafsson, Harrold, Jacobson, Jensen, Johnson, Lacy, Menzies, O'Connor, Osborne, Sparolini, Vogel

Excused: Antle, Clark, Doust, Hightower

President: Barbara Davidge called the meeting to order at 10:02 AM and welcomed everyone to the start of a new year.

The minutes from the April board meeting were approved at the May general meeting.

Barbara remarked that the theme for this year would be "For the Love of Gardens." She explained that her goals would be to add to her skillset of governance and leadership asking for patience as we go forward. In addition, she hopes to provide meaningful opportunities for education and bonds of connection.

Under housekeeping, Susan Uydess will be known as the web administrator. We have retired the title "Webmistress."

The calendar has been updated, please verify that your items including times and locations are correct for your particular committee meeting and events.

The roster will be available at the September general meeting.

Two GCA events are coming to Carmel and the Monterey Peninsula. In September, the GCA's "On the Road" will include an eco-tour of Elkhorn Slough and Carmel by the Sea garden tours, and in January, the Zone XII President's Council will be in Carmel.

Visiting Gardens is planning a club trip to visit the gardens of the Pasadena Garden Club in early April, an interest sign-up will be available at the next two general meetings.

Please continue using the form that Cass created for Board reports and please send the reports to the President and Recording Secretary on the Monday prior to the board meeting.

Treasurer: Barbara reported for Terice Clark that the budget would be discussed later in the meeting.

Vice President: Lolly Menzies said that she is happy to be working as the “wingman” for Barbara and that she is available to help where needed.

Corresponding Secretary: No report

Recording Secretary: No report

Membership: Margaret Pelikan reported that she would also report at the general meeting the dates and process for membership applications. The goal of the committee is to have more informal gatherings with prospective members. If proposing a new member, please contact Margaret. Missy Jensen and Margaret have worked on the club membership application and updated it. It will be posted on the website.

Nominating: Diana Fish reported that the committee would hold meetings in October and November to prepare the slate for open positions on the executive board for next year. Meetings this year would be on September 27th and November 13th.

STANDING CLUB COMMITTEE REPORTS

Civics: Rita Bell and Susan Osborne thanked the volunteers who worked at Harrison Memorial Library and Piccadilly Park. There was a wonderful turnout of workers during the summer.

Conservation: Caron Lacy reported that Bay Visions has an Elkhorn Slough tour planned on October 23rd. There will be a virtual Conservation GCA conference to watch on 11/6/24. You'll receive a notice to sign up for this conference to hear speakers and feel as if you're a participant. If you miss it, you can watch it later on the GCA site. On Thursday, 10/31/24, a lecture will be given by Ross Robertson, the Communications Director from the Elkhorn Slough Foundation to talk about conservation efforts at the Elkhorn Slough Reserve.

Floral Design: Laura Vogel and Hilary Gustafsson announced that they are enthusiastic and excited about the upcoming year. They will have four meetings with the first taking place on October 24th.

Horticulture: Gay O'Connor announced that the the first meeting would take place on October 3, at 9:30 AM in the Babcock Room, Sunset Center. The speaker would be Alan Wheat who will discuss his "Vision for Carmel" as exemplified by his recent work on the Wildlife Corridor on Ocean Avenue and the Forest Theater.

Future meeting plans include a plant exchange in May and hopefully a presentation by Chris and Jan Tenney about the recent publication *Butterflies of Monterey County*.

Gay also asked for suggestions for celebrating Native Plant Month in April 2025.

The Horticulture Committee packaged 200 seed packages for the Shirley Meneice Horticulture Conference. They will be taken by Gay O'Connor and Caron Lacy to the conference which will be held in Chicago on September 15-18th.

Discussion was held regarding the scheduling of dates for committee meetings and events. Committee chairs were asked to inform Barbara of the meeting dates so that we do not have duplicate meetings on the same day.

Photography: No report

Garden History and Design: Diana Jacobson has spoken with the zone representative and has many ideas. She would appreciate information and input. There are two meetings scheduled at this time.

Programs: Missy Jensen thanked her committee members. They have three speakers planned. They are Matt Ritter, Nikki Nedeff and Marlene Simon. Suggestions would be appreciated for additional speakers.

Provisionals: Chris Johnson and Judy Harrold reported that Chris hosted a lovely luncheon for the Provisional members at her home. The new Provisionals are very excited to be part of the club and have joined several committees.

Ways and Means: Lynn Carmichael suggested that their committee offer another shopping event at J.McLaughlin. In addition, Lynn's friend has offered treasures from her attic to be included in the December holiday silent auction.

Budget Review and Discussion

Barbara passed out the proposed budget. It will be reviewed at the General Meeting with voting taking place in October. Following discussion and clarification there was a motion to approve the budget (with the correction to Civics, changed to \$8k instead of \$3k). A motion was made by Susan Uydess

and the motion was seconded by Lolly Menzies. The motion for approval of the 2024-25 budget was unanimous.

There is an understanding that the budget (Scholarship amount) will be evaluated in January.

Barbara is investigating options for the Annual Meeting and luncheon with the hopes of keeping the costs down.

New Business:

Board reports are due the Monday before a meeting.

Meeting agendas will be sent electronically.

Courtney Doust will send a mid-month news blast.

The November meetings have a new cadence. The board meeting will be on the first Thursday, November 7th, and the general meeting will be held on the second Thursday, November 14th.

There is a possibility that the December Board meeting will not take place.

The December general meeting may be a pot-luck lunch and Christmas workshop.

There being no further business, President Barbara Davidge adjourned the meeting at 12:05 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Kathy Sparolini
Recording Secretary

