



2024 11-07 BD

Carmel by the Sea Garden Club Board of Directors Meeting

November 7, 2024

The Gathering Room, Harrison Memorial Library

Present: Antle, Brown, Carmichael, T.Clark, Davidge, Doust, Fish, Gustaffson, Hightower, Jacobson, Jensen, Johnson, Lacy, Menzies, O'Connor, Osborne, Pelikan, Sparolini
Excused: Harrold, Vogel

Opening Business

- President Barbara Davidge called the meeting to order at 10:07 am.
- The minutes of the October Meeting were approved as amended.

Reports

- **President's Update**
 - Job Descriptions are progressing (Corresponding Secretary, Recording Secretary and Membership Director)

- Chip Rerig meeting regarding areas of responsibility between the club and the city as it pertains to our civic projects - November 13 @ 09:15 am
- Ridder Garden -The Ridder family recently met with Sarah Brown and Marion Bottomley to discuss work that needed to be done to refresh the plantings at the Ridder Memorial Garden. The family then contacted the city to ask them, and they agreed to take over the care and maintenance of the garden moving forward. Sarah and Marion will work with Michelle Comeau to update the pots and the garden area around the patio and memorial stone. With this refresh led by Michelle, we will spend down the remaining funds and hand the responsibility of this garden back to the city of Carmel by the Sea
- GCA website - please check to see that your photo is included with your profile on the website and make any necessary updates to your bio

Treasurer Report - Terice Clark

- Website Update - The website rebuild was discussed with the possibility of a new URL. Two bids would be used when making a decision.
- Education Fund: Cass Antle provided clarification - the Education Fund is to be used for any purpose that serves to educate our members: training, workshops, conferences, programs
- Financials on our website - it was voted that the endowment would not be posted on our website but the budget would be posted. Members will be provided updates at certain meetings about the endowment balance.
- PO Box - it was decided that the post office box was not needed. Correspondence with the treasurer would go directly to her mailing address.

Vice President - Lolly Menzies shared a card that would be used for thank you notes following a donation. Some of the language would be changed and the return address would be the website address.

Corresponding Secretary - Courtney Doust requested information for a Mid-Month update.

Recording Secretary - No report

Membership - No report

Nominating - No report

Civic Projects -- Susan Osborne reported that work had been done at Piccadilly Park and at Harrison Memorial Library. Terice Clark, Barbara Davidge, Susan Osborne and Rita Bell met to discuss concerns about the work done by Spirit of Nature. Clarification of our roles vs. those of the city with respect to work at Harrison Memorial Library and Piccadilly. Barbara has since scheduled a meeting with Chip Rerig, City Administrator for November 13, 2024. Bonnie Brooks, Barbara, Susan, and Rita met with Alan Wheat. He provided some suggestions for various plants that might be included at the library. He also discussed tree trimming and the irrigation system. He was especially supportive of planting Yerba Buena at multiple places throughout the garden. They are awaiting his invoice and notes

Conservation - Caron Lacy: Plans to participate in the GCA forum “How to Maximize the Impact of Native Plant Month” at 12:30pm, Wednesday, 11/12. She encouraged committee members to register and hear ideas for next spring. Proposition 4 was passed. This will allocate \$10 billion to prepare Californians for the impacts of climate change.

Floral Design - Hilary Gustaffson reported that our zone representative, Sue Asmun, has offered a workshop on Flower Show Entries.

Information will be included in the Mid-Month update. Possible dates would be January 23 or 28th.

Garden History and Design - Diana Jacobson reported that thanks to Missy Jensen, she has contacted Carolyn Bennett, a landscape designer, historian and consultant from Hancock Park and Ojai as a possible speaker for our March 27 committee meeting. She has been the Zone XII representative in Garden History and Design and on the National Conservation Committee. One of her many interesting topics is Artists in the Shadows: The Women Who Turned Gardens into Art.

The committee has been brainstorming ideas for future field trips and gardens for possible documentation for submission to the Smithsonian Archives. Diana has an appointment to speak to the Forester of the City of Carmel to learn more about the wildlife corridor on the Ocean Avenue Median Strip.

Horticulture - No report

Photography - No report

Programs - No report

Provisionals- No report

Ways & Means - Lori Hightower reported that the J.McLaughlin fundraiser is on November 9th and they will allow presale shopping on Friday, November 8th

In addition, auction items for the December holiday meeting and auction are beginning to come in. A clipboard will be circulated at the November general Meeting to list items. Group participation items are welcomed.

Old Business - No report

New Business

BYLAWS DISCUSSION -

For the past several years, a group of members have been working to review and update the bylaws. Barbara Davidge formed a committee with Sarah Brown and Missy Jensen over the summer to work on this bylaws project.

The Board will take as much time as needed to review, comment and refine the changes. Once the board approves the bylaw changes, they will be presented to the general membership.

Bylaw changes were introduced. There was discussion regarding membership categories and the suggested change to remove the honorary membership category, discussion among members ensued.

Motion #1 by Terice Clark: *I move that we remove the category of Honorary Member from the Membership categories.* Seconded by Caron Lacy. Motion was approved

Article IV, Sections A, B and C were discussed. Further discussion was tabled until the January meeting. Missy reminded the work to approve the bylaws is an ongoing process so this topic should remain confidential until we approve the final version at which point it will be shared with the membership for their consideration and input.

Comments and Announcements - the board will not meet in December

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 11:30 am.

Respectfully submitted,

Kathy Sparolini

Recording Secretary

