

Sugar Land Garden Club Minutes

Board Meeting

September 10, 2024

Members in attendance were: Deborah Birge, Laura Cairns, Gay Chavez, Donna-Jean Dyer, Denise Harper, Melody Lindley, Lynette McQueen, Leslie Niemand, Karen Putney, Robin Rettew, Donna Romaine, Cindy Smith, Sandy Smith, Brenda Webb, Beverly Williams, Carol Wilson, Alize Zothner, and Betty Baber.

The meeting was called to order by Deborah Birge at 10:00 A.M. The meeting was held at the home of Karen Putney with Alice Zothner as co-host.

Secretary – Betty Baber: The minutes were present and approved by acclamation.

Treasurer – Linda Barbone: The report was accepted for filing and review at end of year. Note that \$12,000 was moved to a new separate account as discussed last year.

First Vice President Programs – Melody Lindley: Provided a list of speakers for the coming year.

Second Vice President Data Base – Karen Putney: 132 members to date, including 8 new members. 23 have not renewed.

Second Vice President Door Prizes – Gay Chavez: Gay is gathering door prizes and accepting suggestions,

Second Vice President Name Tags/Blast – Sandy Smith: New members have been added for name tags and to database to receive blasts.

Blast: Deborah requested that a blast be sent out on Friday, 9/13, to remind members about the next meeting date on 9/17 and to request members to save closest parking spaces for those who need them.

Committee Reports:

Arbor Day – Leslie Niemand: No action at this time. There was discussion about ideas for best tree placement. Eldridge Park and Cullinan Park were mentioned. Suggestion was made to contact Terri Hurley, a Master Naturalist, for possible suggestions.

Brookwood – Beverly Williams: November 20 is the next date.

Corresponding Secretary – Jay Talus: In Jay's absence, Deborah Birge reported that cards were sent to Sandy Smith, Linda Rhodes and Deborah Birge.

Field Trips – Alice Zothner: The final count of those going to Rockport for the Hummingbird Celebration was 28. October field trip is to Post Skyline.

Fundraisers:

Bulb Sale – Denise Harper: Details of procedure and duties were laid out (see attached report submitted by Denise Harper). Bulbs may be delivered earlier than anticipated. In that event, a second earlier pick up date may be added and that would be November 5. Current scheduled date is November 9. Robin Rettew will be sending out a blast. Deborah Birge will get approval for using parking lot for date(s).

Robin Rettew: Discussed limited availability of certain daylily bulbs.

Silent Auction – Donna-Jean Dyer: It's too soon to make definite plans. She asked that all be mindful of possible donations and set them aside throughout the year in anticipation of the event.

Habitat for Humanity – Stephanie Flatt: In Stephanie's absence, Deborah reported that the committee is looking at working with Christ Church to possibly do landscaping for the habitat houses. Suggestions include a questionnaire for the homeowners to evaluate their abilities and needs. The committee also needs to be mindful of any possible HOA restrictions. Anyone interested in being involved in the planning and/or execution should contact Stephanie Flatt or Linda Rhodes.

Hospitality – Brenda Webb: Still need more food donations. Brenda requested 20 additional chairs for September meeting in anticipation of an increased number of Master Gardeners in attendance. Request for continued donations of individually packaged plasticware.

Master Gardener Representative – Leslie Niemand: New programs will be out in October. The vegetable sale is scheduled for October 12 (arrive early). The butterfly celebration will be in May in the demonstration gardens.

Newsletter – Cindy Smith: September newsletter has been sent out.

Plant Swap – Donna Romaine/Debe Fannin: Informed board members of an upcoming plant swap to be held at the T. E. Hermann Senior Center on 9/18.

Scholarships – Donna-Jean Dyer: No actions necessary at this time.

Social – Lynette McQueen: New co-chair is Sharon Harry. The luncheon dates are 12/17/24 and 5/2/25 and will include a cost increase of \$3.00.

Sponsorships – Cindy Smith: Has raised \$1,425 in sponsorship funds.

Website – Terri Hurley: Terry Hurley was absent but sent in her report. The new site is up and running. A new "members only" page will be coming soon.

Workshops – Carol Wilson: Gretchen Cockerill is the new co-chair. The workshops will be held at a new location, the T. E. Harmann Senior Center, with a time change to 9:30 AM. First workshop is 10/1. An article about the workshop is in the September newsletter.

Yearbook/Directory – Robin Rettew: Yearbook is completed at a reduction in cost; final cost being \$12.73. There is one amendment that needs to be made and this will be announced at the September meeting.

Old Business: None

New Business: October 8 is the next board meeting date. It will be hosted by Cindy Smith, Linda Barbone will co-host.

Donna-Jean Dyer made a motion to adjourn and it was seconded. The meeting adjourned at 11:04 A.M.

Betty Baber, Secretary

Date: _____

Deborah Birge, President

Date: _____