

SAN DIEGO BOTANIC GARDEN DOCENT/VOLUNTEER MEETING

February 6, 2013

The meeting was called to order by Chair Kitty Sparrow at 9:30. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Liz Rozycki presented the items on the Raffle table and the Early Bird drawing took place.

MINUTES: The minutes of January 2, 2013 were approved.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Tandy Pfof announced that last month we had \$170 for Docent functions.

CHAIRPERSON'S REPORTS

- Susan Starr will be taking over the directory.
- No report from the Botanic Book Buddies.
- The next Docent Executive Board meeting will take place on Feb. 20.

COORDINATORS

- TOUR GUIDES: The group will meet on Feb. 14th. Mo Price will talk about the new plants in the Australian Garden. Southeast Asia will be discussed at the March meeting.
- GARDEN BEAUTIFICATION: Peter Jones announced the "Power Wednesday" at the Rainforest on Feb. 13th. Other work parties will be announced in the minutes. We are back at the Fair, with Greg Rubin assisting. The theme will be California Natives made in Asian style. Margaret and Peter Jones will lead the installation. We need more volunteers. Peter and Margaret will put together an introduction page to be handed out to potential volunteers.
- DOCENT TRAINING: Linda Stewart announced the new docents, Carla Gilbert (former employee) and Candy Sharda. Docent classes will begin on Feb. 7th. Suzanne Carneiro will be in charge of collecting Docent hours. Fran Spath will be in charge of Volunteer hours. Volunteers should sign in at the Welcome Center.
- Mary Roper needs help with potpourri pouches for the Herb Festival.
- VOLUNTEERS OF THE MONTH: Margaret Jones introduced Deb Batey, who is the new team leader for propagation. Peter presented the award to Barry Martin.
- THE PLANT OF THE MONTH, ALOES: Presented by Dave Ehrlinger.

STAFF REPORTS

- Julian Duval informed us that Dotty Schlanger has passed away.
At the Annual Meeting, the possibility of acquiring some of the Ecke Ranch land (12 acres) was discussed.
- Jennifer Turner, Development Special Events Coordinator, announced that the theme for this year's Gala will be "A Stroll Around the World." It was take place in the main part of the garden. We netted \$136,559 from the 2012 Gala.
- Sam Beukema introduced Victoria Johnson, then new Events and Operations Assistant. He discussed the 5K Paw Walk, and announced that we need volunteers for the Herb Festival talking place March 16/17. He also reported that Succulent Wreaths Classes would take place 2/26 and 3/9 from 9 am to 2 pm.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:45.

Respectfully submitted,

Maggie Garren, Secretary

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