

Minutes for SDBG Docent/Volunteer meeting on March 2, 2016

The meeting was called to order at 9:31 by Jane Hunt.

Liz Rozycki reviewed plants for the plant raffle.

Ed Beimel did the early bird and overflow parking raffle.

Approval of the February minutes was made by Stacy Fattaleh; Sue Ruddick seconded. Membership approved.

Tandy Pfost gave the Treasurer's report. Beginning balance was \$2,039.17. Ending balance is \$2,465.67

Volunteer sign ups include

- 1) Free Tuesday on April 5
- 2) Spring Planting Jubilee and Tomato Sale on March 19-20
- 3) Spring Party with Bunny in Seeds of Wonder on March 26
- 4) Art Fest on April 9-10; Fine Art, Quick Draw Contest and Asian Art

Susan Starr asked for directory updates. She also announced the SD Horticulture Society's Spring Garden Tour on April 2 from 9-4. All tickets must be purchased in advance.

Barbara Farley of Botanical Book Buddies announced there will be no meeting in March. The book for April is Deep. The group meets the second Wednesday.

Cheryl Mergenthaler needs people to sign up for the Welcome Center.

Tour Guide chair Stacy Fattaleh announced that Margaret Jones will discuss Topiaries at the March Tour Guide meeting. Orchids will be the topic in April, and butterfly gardens will be the topic in May. Mary Roper announced that she still needs help with Science in a Satchel.

Garden Beautification teams and dates were covered in the Agenda handout.

Trip Trio leader Carol Eblen announced the April 4 field trip, which is to the California Center for Creative Renewal in Encinitas. It is limited to 30 people.

IT head Nick Ruddick announced there are 235 people on the docent picture page. He thanked Marlene Dupriest for her photos.

Docent hours recorder, Sue Ruddick, announced that Lynne Bryant has achieved her 2,000 hours. She and Fran Spath, Volunteer hours recorder, reviewed milestones.

Jane Hunt pointed out that our two docents-at-large, Linda Wagner and Alan Dodds, look forward to hearing from docents and volunteers if they have concerns.

Plant of the Month was discussed by Julian Duval. (Paul Redeker was sick.) The plant was an amazing Tillandsia durattii that grows in trees and has fragrant flowers.

VOM Beverly Marshall was introduced by Mary Lou Morgan and Roberta Dotson.

Jane Hunt and Tandy Pfost did the plant raffle.

On to staff reports:

Julian Duval discussed:

- 1) employer matching opportunities which can benefit the Garden
- 2) the Torrey Pine trees which were lost in the wind storm. The Eucalyptus by Larabee had to be cut down due to its age and fragility.
- 3) 41 directors of the United States and Canada's largest botanic gardens who met at SDBG recently. SDBG was a huge hit! Healing benefits of gardens was stressed.

Pat Hammer introduced two new staff members, Souheyla Ford, administrative assistant to Operations, and Rachael Azhocar, development assistant.

Sam Beukema discussed volunteer opportunities:

- 1) the successful Paw Walk (last month)
- 2) the March 19-20 Spring Planting Jubilee and Tomato Sale plus orchid sale
- 3) the Art Fest
- 4) Woodies
- 5) The Chocolate Festival on May 7

Lisa Reynolds said that the Macy's special brought many guests (about 1085) to the Garden.

Candy Sharda announced her mosaic rock class on March 2 and 9.

Stacy Fattaleh announced that she needs people to submit T-shirt slogans for our Fall Plant Sale.

Gloria Barry announced the April 2 Geranium Conference.

Mary Lou Morgan announced that she needs a volunteer to make frames for her wall garden classes.

Bette Childs spoke about our speaker, Dr. Jeff Severinghaus, who gave an outstanding (in my opinion) presentation on climate change.

Respectfully submitted by Mary Friestedt