San Diego Botanic Garden Docent/Volunteer Meeting November 2, 2016

10:04 am Call to Order followed by Pledge of Allegiance

Early Bird and Overflow Parking Drawing - not held this month **Approval of October minutes:**

Approved by Tandy Pfost, seconded by Carol Eblen Agreed by a show of hands.

Treasurer's Report - Tandy Pfost

Balance \$2,453

New Docent Executive Board Election - Jane Hunt, Allan Dodds, Stacy Fatalleh (Nominating Committee - Mary Friestedt, Stacy Fatalleh, Sue Papreck)

New Board will take office January 2017, DEB Meeting to be held December 28

Mary Friestedt - Docent Chair

Allan Dodds - Vice Chair

Tandy Pfost - Treasurer

Susan Starr - Secretary

Nominations from the Floor?

Approved by a show of hands at 10:08 am.

Stacy thanked Jane Hunt for a job well done as Docent Chair. All applauded.

Dates to Remember and Sign Ups - Jane Hunt

Free Tuesday - Rosemary Stafford - December and January sign ups Garden of Lights - Last meeting in 2016 to sign up in person

Baha Trip - Peter and Margaret Jones

Trip date March 28 - April 8. Limit of 25 people.

Half price Holiday Memberships are available until Dec 16 - Josh Pinpin **Volunteer Orientation -** Peter and Margaret Jones, Jill Gardner - November 12, Ecke Building - 9:30-Noon.

COORDINATOR AND COMMITTEE REPORTS:-

Botanic Book Buddies - Barb Farley

December - "A Book of Bees" by Sue Hubbell

February - "Sowing Seeds of Wonder" by Sally Sandler

Welcome Center Sign Ups - Shifts in November and December available. View the calendar on our Docent Website. If you are trained and able to help, please email: **cmergenthaler@sdbgarden.org**

Fall Plant sale - Gross taking \$62,000

Book Sale - net sales \$623.76 Co-chairs Kenneth Hayward and Elf Mitton

Tour Guides - Mary Roper, Stacy Fatalleh - November 10, Ecke Building

December program will be Sally Sandler showcasing the historical artifacts on display in the Larabee House. She will be providing a script for tour guides to use

Trip Trio - Evon MacKinnon - Last trip of 2016, November 18. Two gardens in Cardiff and Solana Beach. Meet in SDBG parking lot at 9:30 to carpool.

Lunch will follow at Alfonso's of La Jolla - 437 South Highway 101 #301, Solana Beach, CA 92075

Garden Beautification Dates for November 2016 - Peter Jones

All dates are from 9 a.m. to noon

Saturday, November 5: Bamboo Garden, with Barry Martin and Mary Cozza.

NOTE: Barry Martin is moving to Hawaii.

Saturday, November 12: Subtropical Fruit Garden, with June Andersen

Saturday, November 19: Gardening with Peter Jones, location to be determined.

Saturday, November 26: Thanksgiving weekend, no gardening

Milestones - Sue Ruddick and Fran Spath

Steve Rose and Carol Eblen reached the 2000 lifetime hours status.

Milestone awards were announced.

Volunteers of the Month - introduced by Stacy Fatalleh

November - Harriet Halpern

December - Janet Zeidler

Staff Reports -

Very short this month as we were all looking forward to the potluck lunch.

Ian Cole - Fall Plant Sale 'thank you' to all.

Carolyn Zollers introduced Bella Trillizio as the new Membership Assistant.

Sam pleaded for people to sign up for the garden of lights. 650 spots to fill. 450 remain unfilled.

Introduction of Special Guests -

Stacy Fatalleh introduced Lucy Chase Williams, a niece of Ruth Larabee. She gave a very interesting overview of Ruth's place in the family and how she remembered her.

Pot Luck and continuation of Holiday Bazaar followed adjournment of the meeting

We all enjoyed a wonderful Pot Luck lunch, good food and camaraderie.

Respectfully submitted, Nick Ruddick for Nan Criqui, Secretary