

## **SDBG Docent and Volunteer Meeting Minutes June 10, 2020**

**10:03 am. Call to order.**

**Approval of Minutes** - The March D&V Meeting Minutes were approved as distributed.

**Treasurers Report** - The balance remains at \$2,356.17 as there are no changes since April 1, 2020.

**Garden Update - Ari Novy.** SDBG must adhere to San Diego County regulations for COVID-19. Safety is the first priority for Garden Volunteers and Staff, as well as the public. We are ahead of most other Gardens in the country in reopening. Fiscally, the Garden was strong before the closure, with 6 months reserves. There has been no new revenue since the closure. During this challenging time, help from Volunteers is much needed. Staff is working on new Operating Procedures that will allow Volunteers back in the Garden as quickly as possible.

**Volunteer Manager's Update** - Jill Gardner. Changes have been made throughout the Garden to ensure that safety is paramount for all. Some changes include colored arrows marking pathways, the wearing of masks while working and new procedures for checking in.

Volunteers will be invited back to the Garden using a phased approach. Sign-ups will be according to the priority of work determined by the Garden Staff and designated skill sets. They will be posted on the Website. Safety training will be required before returning. There will be new opportunities to volunteer in Visitor Services, and Horticulture maintenance. The Gift Shop and Plant Shop remain closed at this time.

For more information please visit the SDBG Newsletter released 6/17 for the following: Phased Reopening for Volunteers; Safety Precautions; Work Assignments; Volunteer Procedures; Phase 1 Assignments and Q & A's.

**Announcements** - Susan Starr. The DEB will be considering how to adjust Docent Hours requirements to account for the Garden Closure and reduced Volunteer opportunities during this time. Meanwhile, don't forget to submit your hours for this year.

**Speaker - John Clements** Introduced by Kathryn Blankinship. A brief pictorial history of Agriculture and Horticulture in San Diego covering 1872 until early 1900.

**Meeting Adjourned at 11:00 am.**

**Linda Cooper, Secretary**