

SHEPARD GARDEN AND ARTS CENTER  
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

March 1, 2021

**MINUTES**

The Zoom meeting was called to order at 7:05 p.m. by President Ken Rothaus. Board members present were President Ken Rothaus, Vice President Jan Goehring, Treasurer Wendy Corby and Secretary Therese Ruth.

Clubs represented were: African Violet Society, Begonia Society, Bromeliads & Carnivorous Plant Society, California Native Plant Society, Delta Gesneriad & African Violet, Gypsy Traders Antique Club, Ikebana International, National Watch & Clock Collectors, River Park Garden Club, Sacramento Rose Society Sacramento Floral Design Guild, and Sogetsu Ikebana of Sacramento. Also present MJ Kelly, President of the Friends of the Shepard Garden & Arts Center and Lisa Schmidt, Friends of East Sacramento.

**Recording Secretary=s Report:** The minutes of the February 1, 2021 meeting were approved as read.

**Financial Report:** Wendy Corby presented the financial report covering the month of January 2021. The only income was interest in the amount of \$0.84 and the expenses were \$74.74. The total assets in savings and checking for the period were \$57,213.53.

**Scheduling/City Report:** Lee Ruth said a tree fell into the back of the patio area, it flattened the small Blue Oak but he propped it back up and seems to be o.k. Lisa got the City to remove the tree.

**SG&AC Scheduling:** Lisa Schmidt said some clubs are coming back to the Center for meetings but some are still waiting until Covid-19 restrictions are lifted. Lisa said she is contacting the clubs to see if they would like to meet outside on the patio. There are several shows scheduled for spring at this time.

**Bylaws** – The revised bylaws were sent to all the member clubs. No comments were received, just a couple of spelling and punctuation corrections. The vote on the bylaws will be held at the April Zoom meeting with each club getting one vote.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**CHAT:** Wendy said the next deadline for the CHAT is February 15, 2021

**Friends of the SG&AC:** MJ Kelly reported that the Friends account has a total of \$24,336.72. She said they received a \$1,300 anonymous donation through Regional Funds. She said she will send a thank you note to Regional Funds who will forward it to the donor. Discussion followed on the need to dissolve the Friends of the SG&AC and assign the funds to SG&AC, Inc. MJ said she will talk to the lawyer on how to fold Friends of SG&AC into SG&AC, Inc. MJ wants to make sure this will allow any donations in the future to go into the Friends of the SG&AC within the SG&AC, Inc.

## OLD BUSINESS

**Zoom License:** Ken said SG&AC, Inc. purchased a Zoom license that can be used by the member clubs. She said the clubs should contact him or Wendy Corby if they want to set-up a Zoom meeting.

**Wooden Display Cubes:** Some of the club members were upset that the wooden cubes that were against the walls in the main room were no longer out. Lisa said if the clubs would like the cubes out for their meetings, shows, sales, etc. they just need to put it in the set-up instructions for their events.

**MOU between SG&AC Management and Member Clubs:** Jan said the MOU was sent out to the board members for review and asked if it should be sent out to the clubs for review. Lisa said she would like to see a draft of the MOU but Jan said she would like to get input from the clubs and then send a draft to Lisa.

**Nominating Committee:** Jan said the terms for the President and Secretary will expire on June 30, 2021. Jan offered to chair the Nominating Committee, MJ offered to serve on the committee. The election will be held at the July 10, 2021.

**Storage Room:** Lisa said thanks to the gentleman from the Chrysanthemum Society one side of the sink in the back room has been cleared. She said clearing the other side will be very expensive.

## NEW BUSINESS

**Former President of the SG&AC:** Ken said Jerry Griffin, former president of the SG&AC passed away. Ken asked if anyone had any information on which club he belonged to and how long he served as president. No one in attendance had any information on him. Ken said he would ask Ed if he knew. Ken said his name should be added to the plaque in the foyer of the Center. MJ said she will check with Ed about adding Jerry Griffin's name to the plaque.

**SG&AC Membership Fee:** Wendy Corby has been working on a schedule of Membership Fees for the member clubs for 2020-21. She said the fee will have to cover the cost of insurance, Center rental fees, internet service, sale costs, etc. The schedule will be discussed at the next board meeting on April 5, 2021.

**Fall Sale:** The Fall Sale dates this year are October 2-3, 2021. As we get closer to the date we will contact the City Parks Department about reserving some of the park area for the sale. If the sale is expanded out into the park because of Covid-19 restrictions it will probably have to be a one-day show.

#### ADJOURNMENT

There being no further discussion the meeting was adjourned at 8:19 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

*Therese Ruth,*

Recording Secretary