

## **AGG BOARD MEETING**

November 4, 2024

Atherton Town Center, History Room  
Dinkelspiel Lane and Ashfield Road

### **BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

Patti Spezzaferro, President

Suzanne Legallet and Mimi Hillyard, 1st VP Programs

Dana Bonham, 2nd VP Membership

Katie Blommer, Treasurer

Pam Smith, Recording Secretary

Kasey Hansen, Corresponding Secretary

Diana Bryan, Historian

Julie Douglass and Joan Sanders, Parliamentarians

Martha Woollomes, Newsletter

Carrie Drake, Website and Technology

Patti Spezzaferro, Parliamentarian

### **Absent:**

Joan Sanders, Parliamentarian.

### **Welcome**

Patti called the meeting to order at 9:10 am and welcomed the Board to a beautiful Fall morning.

### **Minutes**

The October 7, 2024, General Meeting minutes were moved, seconded, and approved.

### **Old Business**

#### **California Garden Club, Inc. Update—Patti Spezzaferro**

Patti is confident that we will get to the minimum 100 points that qualify AGG for a CGCI Recognition Award this year. This will be the Guild's first time, but we can submit for recognition yearly. Patti will work with Joan Sanders on the form and documentation for submission in January 2025.

#### **Atherton Library Floral Demonstrations Update—Patti Spezzaferro**

Patti met with the Floral Demonstration committee members, all designers with decades of experience. Forty reservations will be available, and the program, "Holiday Arrangements," will be held in the Library's History room on November 18, 11:00 am-12:00 pm. Nina Dolby will demonstrate how to make a holiday garland and how to apply that skill to centerpieces, mantelpieces, and wreaths. Joan Sanders will demonstrate an arrangement using a pumpkin container, garden foliage, and seasonal flowers. Patti has already sent a flyer describing the event to Library staff member Nick Hernandez.

### **AGG Donations Update—Patti Spezzaferro**

Patti has asked the previous year's donation sponsors to give a five-minute update starting January 2025 on how AGG's donations have been used. She has contacted Martha Woollomes, Marion Oster, Rita Wachhorst, and Joan Sanders.

### **New Business**

#### **Holiday Party Update—Suzanne Legallet and Mimi Hillyard**

At the General Meeting, Suzanne will announce details of the Holiday Party, "International Buffet." It will be held in Jennings Pavilion in Holbrook Palmer Park on December 9, 6:00-8:00 pm.

Food will be sourced from local stores and restaurants, such as Costco, Chavez Market, Safeway, and the Afghan restaurant in San Carlos. Dessert will be handmade truffles and a box of See's candy.

The food costs will be just about the same as last year, but Suzanne would like to raise ticket prices to \$50 per person. Checks should be mailed to Katie Bloomer with the "Holiday Party." Patti will email a Paperless Post invitation to members.

Five tables will have floral designs from some of our best designers. Suzanne said, "The members are the decorations," and encouraged "flashy dressing," which includes fur coats, best jewelry, ball gowns, tuxedos, etc.

Lynn Heppberger will be in charge of the bartenders. Wine, champagne, beer, and Perrier will be offered, no hard liquor. Bartenders will have thirty-minute shifts.

Currently, the biggest concern is finding two people to help serve and clean up. The two women AGG previously employed are not available for the party. Suzanne will ask members at the General Meeting for their help.

On the day of the party, AGG morning meetings will be canceled.

### **Board Member's Updates**

Patti asked Board members to briefly say how they were doing in their positions. The group was very positive about being on the AGG Board.

- Diana Bryan will be taking photos to update the member gallery on the website; some photos also need to be removed.
- Carrie Drake is working on an updated website; it should be ready early in the new year. It will be capable of selling tickets for AGG events, offering a QR code, and an updated member roster.
- As Corresponding Secretary, Kasey Hansen asked the Board to send her names of Guild members who are ill or in need so she can send cards. Kasey asked if she was responsible for sending thank you notes to the presenters. Suzanne Legallet said that was the responsibility of the Program Chairs; however, it was also good to have a thank you note from the Corresponding Secretary written on AGG letterhead.
- Katie Bloomer said she is getting up to speed on her position as Treasurer. She reported that AGG has \$23,377.88 in its checking account and \$1,178.47 in savings. AGG expenses have been as follows: Turbow Farms —Speaker, \$250.00; Reimbursement to Barbara Tyler for a microphone, \$37.40; Jenna Bayer —Speaker, \$250.00. Katie asked about opening an interest-bearing checking account. This will be discussed at the next Board meeting.

- At the General Meeting, Dana Bonham will announce Mary Tan as the newest AGG member.
- Suzanne Legallet provided details for the Holiday party. (Please see above. )  
She reminded the Board that there will no longer be beverage refreshments at General Meetings in the History Room.
- Pam Smith said she enjoys working with Patti on the minutes.

**Adjournment**

Patti adjourned the meeting at 9:35 am.

Respectfully submitted,  
Pamela D. Smith, Recording Secretary