

AGG GENERAL MEETING

September 11, 2023

Joan Sanders Home, 156 Hawthorn Drive, Atherton

The meeting was held at Joan Sanders's home, 156 Hawthorn Drive, Atherton.

The meeting was called to order at 10:03 am

Patti welcomed Mimi Hillyard, our new member.

Patti reminded us we have a tour at 142 Hawthorn Dr. at 11 a.m.

MINUTES:

The minutes were accepted and approved. The minutes will be sent out with the next meeting reminder.

TREASURER:

Judy Blommer is ill and not present. Patti reported to Judy that we have \$1,728.51 in checking and \$1,125.00 in savings and dues for C.G.C.I have been paid. The budget for this year is being worked on. And there is \$1,125.00 in the "Forget Me Not" fund.

OLD BUSINESS:

Atherton Town Hal I.D. tags have all been installed. Although the tag budget was \$2,000.00, the actual amount spent was \$1,1125. Thank you to Nan Ray for all her hard work, Suzanne Van Ness for helping install the tags. Suzanne Legallet and the town arborist Sally Bentz acted as consultants.

NEW BUSINESS:

Joan Sanders announced that Atherton Council will celebrate their 100th anniversary from 6 to 8 pm tomorrow, September 12th. Atherton Centennial Celebration is on September 24th from 11 to 3 p.m. at city center.

Membership chair Karen Olson asked that all changes in membership be sent to her. And that instead of checking by your name, please initial on the attendance sheet. Eleven members didn't attend six meetings last year, which is a requirement in By-Laws.

Patty Leugers reported that the roses are being cared for by several members this summer. Patty sends out e-mails to this group when attention is needed.

Sally Brudos, our Library chair, asked that we include a 3'X5" card with a list of flowers used in your arrangement, and a watering can has been provided for us to use.

Newsletter chair Martha Woollomes thanked everyone for the membership photos and asked that we all send her any interesting things to include in the newsletter, such as books, recipes, trips, and pictures, and to please e-mail them to her so she has the correct information.

Corresponding Secretary Sue Mathews asked that we let her know when a member needs a card.

Horticulture chair Patti Spezzaferro said that blubs are now showing up at the nurseries, which is an excellent time to select them. Annuals such as pansies, snapdragons, and Iceland poppies are good to plant now for winter color. The book of the month is "Plant Sapiens" by Paco Calvo and Natalie Lawrence. The book tells of how plants can talk to one another by clicking. Patti Rodley asked Patti what fertilizer she uses on her roses, and she uses slow-release fertilizer from the Peninsula Rose Society and alfalfa pellets from the Feed Store in Redwood City.

Patti announced that Terri Bailard did this year's Yearbook, and it is 100% accurate, with a quote at the beginning and numbered pages with By-Laws in the back. Terri has created the cover for each incoming president.

Nancy Butler announced that her son Rhett Butler will speak at Hobart Palmer Park on October 10th at 6 p.m. He is an environmental journalist and conservationist who has founded a non-profit, Mongabay.com. Butler is a recipient of the Heintz Award, receiving \$250,000.00. He will speak and show pictures. Refreshments will be served. Please RSVP if you wish to attend at mongabay.org. Details will be on our website.

A reminder was announced for all members to please take items from the table in the garden, even if you didn't bring something to share.

Suzanne Legallet announced that our next meeting in October will be held at Hobart Palmer Park, and it will highlight table settings. Please bring guests.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:35 a.m.