

Minutes
Garden Guild Membership Meeting
Thursday, June 19, 2025
Home of Leslie Martin & Alicia Merrell

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order at 11:00 a.m.

Susan Cole Bainbridge stated that she is filling in for Jan Alswager as President today. Susan CB called the roll.

Present: Mary Bragg, Vickie Christensen, Susan Cole Bainbridge, Liz Durham, Carrie Hemphill, Jo Lapinski, Leslie Martin, Di Anne Maczko, Alicia Merrell, and Margaret Quinn.

Zoom Attendees: Jan Alswager, Beth Fluke, Norma Hall, Patricia Maynard, Linda Rudisell Hines, and Merelyn Shore.

There were no guests today.

Recording Secretary: Sue Williams

Sue is vacationing so Jan Alswager will be filling in as secretary today.

Motion to approve the Secretary's minutes

Motion was made to approve the April membership meeting minutes; it was properly seconded and passed. There was no membership meeting in May.

Birthdays:

June:

 Bonnie 9th
 Beth 10th
 Susan 16th.

May:

 Vickie 27th
 Carrie 28th

Treasurer's Report: Janine

Janine was absent and the Treasurer's report will be dealt with at a later date.

President Comments:

Susan thanked Jo for bringing flowers. She shared information about how she used a purple cabbage as a vase.

Members shared Good News.

President Alswager stated that we will be attempting to record some of the minutes by recording the audio on Zoom and have it transcribed. We will see if this is a good option.

President Alswager sought comments about the ease, or lack of, for members using Evite. Members and officers think Evite is a good option and provides real time information for

attendance. In the future, we will include the Zoom link, a request to RSVP for lunch, a RSVP request to inform if members will attend in person or by Zoom.

Membership: Allegra

Susan reported for Allegra that we have 27 members. At this point there are no official prospective members.

Sunshine: Lucille

Lucille has requested that she have a backup for Sunshine. Jan will call Patricia to see if she is interested.

Programs: Carrie Hemphill

Today's program will be a discussion about a unique container and design elements of floral design.

Since the meeting went long today, the program that was scheduled for today will take place in July.

Floral Design Show: Gayle

Gayle is securing bids for food, working on committee lists, and will ask people to sign up for committees in the near future.

Community Project: Mary Bragg

Mary Bragg gave an update on the street signs project, which is not manageable at this time. She also shared that the city would like the Guild to contribute money towards recycle bins. There was a long discussion about the bins with some supporting and some with concerns.

Three other proposals were presented: 1) donating money to Cruz Roja for the purchase of dialysis machines; 2) a project that is beginning in Ajijic that is seeking donations to have volunteers make minor repairs to unsightly buildings/homes and to also paint them and; 3) a scholarship program for children who are attending school.

Members expressed information they had about these projects and their opinions on all three projects.

President Alswager thanked Mary Bragg for her hard work investigating projects and stated to the membership that the Board will be discussing these and will bring a recommendation to the membership. She stated that members will be voting on the project for approval. She requested that all members consider the importance of working together and supporting the final decision that is made. Her goal is to have a united Garden Guild.

Webmaster/Publicity: Linda/Carrie

Jan, Susan and Linda met with BJ. BJ's continuing to migrate data to new website. Training will take place soon for Linda, Carrie, Susan and Jan.

Christmas Luncheon: Beth Fluke

The date for the luncheon is December 9 at Bonnie Newman's home. However, there may be a change because of repair work that is being done at her home. To be determined.

Hospitality: Vickie

Next month

Location: Merelyn Shore

Flowers: Carrie

Fruit: Linda Hines

Food: Mary Bragg

Lunch may be at Los Compadres

Reminder that Vickie has purchased two coffee carafes that we will use instead of the coffee makers. She has also purchased a drip coffee maker.

Old Business

There was no old business.

New Business

1. Because the meetings have been going longer President Alswager suggested that at the membership meeting that the Social Hour begin at 10:00 and the meeting begin at 10:30 am. Motion properly moved. Motion passed.

Motion to adjourn

Motion to adjourn was made, properly seconded and passed.

Meeting was adjourned at 12: 35 p.m.