

VMIGC Board Meeting Minutes
9:50 am Monday, May 6, 2024 at Rebecca's
Present: Kari, Inge, Marge, Fran, Sharon, Rebecca, Linda

1. Welcome – Kari
2. Approved Board Minutes from April 1, 2024 – Fran; Kari motion, Linda second.
3. Treasurer's Report – Marge
 - a. Assets: \$16,241 Chk: \$7,906 Sav: \$2,335
 - b. Exp: \$18,014 Rev: \$7,716
 - c. CD renewal – 3% matured May 2. Renew now at 4.7% for 9 months at Chase.
 - d. Authorizing signatures will be president and past president. Kari currently. Add Linda.
 - e. Consider building efficiencies into the job of treasurer
4. Programs and Workshops – Sharon
 - a. April 18 Little Bird Workshop *Was cancelled*
 - b. June meeting – about our Mission: Scholarship program and Plant Sale. Fundraiser. *Mary Nirini*
 - c. Visit Fruit Club orchard, *Canceled, will be rescheduled.*
 - d. Aug 20 *evening* Jennifer Jewell, *VIGA is the major sponsor. Send check to VIGA. Must be cashed by end of June. Preceded by sponsors' luncheon.*
 - e. Sept 9 meeting: Jenn Williams of Wild Dreams, seeds saving.
 - f. Sept 16 visit farm of Jenn Williams 11-1pm; contact Marian for Open Garden coordination.
 - g. *Coordinating open garden visit with Marian for lavender and orchard (Bob Norton)*
 - h. Fall event, consider cider pressing.
 - i. October meeting: John Coghlan HGO Home Grown Organics
 - j. November 11 meeting: Steve Bergman of Zero Waste maybe
 - k. Fall: Allyssa of Sweet Alyssum dried flower workshop
 - l. December meeting: tbd
5. Membership – Inge
 - a. Members 145 for 2023-24; Meeting attendance varies from 37 – 52.
 - b. New members 1, Renewing members 76, renewal continues through June.
 - c. Discussion re volunteer signup. Support involvement of Lifetime Members.
6. Publicity/Website – Rebecca
 - a. Signage for plant sale discussed. Review list of signs and plant prices.
 - b. Website: lots of updating. Can now print enrollment form pdf.
 - c. Discussion re volunteer signup. Support involvement of Lifetime Members.
 - d. Club calendar will be moved to member side. Open Gardens personal info including name and address can be posted behind password protected screen.
 - e. Consider web wakeups. 5 minutes at each meeting, coach use of the web.
7. Unfinished Business
 - a. Awards Dinner – change from recent years is being explored.

- i. Project is well underway and team is invested in discovering a path to continue what they've begun
 - ii. Earthen, Chris feeds the banquet at cost
 - iii. No one is offering to make the banquet
 - iv. Proposed \$500 budget
 - v. Review of challenges and problems. Big discussion.
 - vi. Recommendations are passed onto the budget committee. Looking at reinventing our Award Winning Gardens celebration.
 - vii. Sharon will contact theatre for date and options.
- b. Field Trip May 22 - \$25
 - i. Registrants 23
 - ii. Cost review. Reassess future trips.
 - iii. Trip will be managed, day of by Sharon and Deborah T
- c. Draft 2024-45 Club Budget
- d. New board members elected: VP Membership Peg Staeheli, Treasurer Mary Nirini

8. Committee Reports

- a. Plant Sale preliminary reports! See June Treasurer's report
 - i. Revenue \$1957 check + 5216 cash + \$8,042 credit card ?
 - ii. Pre-sale \$22 sales? + \$571 Sneak Peek?
 - iii. Cash income - \$14,719
 - iv. Costs – ??
 - v. Boutique \$503 income
 - vi. Successes
 - vii. Challenges
 - viii. Sneak Peek
 - ix. Future
 - x. End of sale – give aways to Island Lumber employees.

9. New Business

- a. Discuss Open Gardens, should the schedule be visible only to members; calendar vs list (fran talked with Marian) see above item 'Website 6d'
- b. We need to better present our mission statement as a poster of some sort.
- c. We will need an interim meeting.

Meeting adjourned 12:30pm

Respectfully submitted by fran brooks, secretary of the board