

Minutes: General Meeting - March 19, 2016 - 10am - Held at the Aquatorium

Call to Order 10:07am

President's Greeting - welcome to 1st meeting. 1st meeting for 4 attendees.

Corya gathered input from group:

- ❑ OldTown Hall being sold by city, converting to private property. Vacant land across Grand Boulevard to be converted to parking. Committee formed to look into Garden Club acquiring the building. Members: Bernie B, Joanne S, Jim Nowacki, Karin C, Zully A.

- ❑ concern raised by Laura D regarding our funds. Karin C confirmed the budget has a \$2k hole to fill. Fund Raising committee formed. Karin C, Laura D, Carol S, Deb D, Charlene T. Joanne has a fund raising book to share with the group.

- ❑ Compost Committee formed. Members are Corya C and Dawn V.

Minutes of 10/15 meeting read. Karin C motion to accept, seconded by Dawn V. Motion passed.

Board highlights (since Oct) read by Secretary: *all garden signs placed in Gardens, *accounting now done via Quicken/Quickbooks (ease of reading), *website launched 3/1/16, *board considered business cards-idea dropped, *dues increase to \$20/yr effective 9/1/16.

Treasurer's report read by Karin C. Ended 2015 with \$7579.92; currently have \$6283.78. Deb D motion to accept, seconded by Jennifer G. Motion passed.

Old Business:

(1) Trash cans placed. (2) Community garden signs placed.

New Business:

- (1) Trifold brochure complete. Samples shown. Idea: place in businesses on Lake Street.
- (2) Plant Sale: drop off times, need volunteers, tool man \$3/tool, more on website & newsletter.
- (3) Farmer's Market: 1st day 5/1. Goes through mid October. Educational sessions. Car Show.
- (4) MGC/MCC CleanUp Day: May 7; 7am-11am. Bring gloves. Meet at old Ralph's.
- (5) Community Gardens: compost from Good Vibrations. Show garden map. Need volunteers.
- (6) 16th Garden Walk: Judy gave update. Theme-Deja Bloom. 7/16-7/17. Need volunteers.
- (7) Website: Debbie gave report, highlighting 8 key improvements, and next step.
- (8) Publicity: Joanne reported on press release lead time. Asked for copies of placements seen.

Next Board of Directors meeting: Wed. 4/13, Joanne's house. Agenda items to Corya by 4/8.

Next General Meeting: 4/16, speaker Dolly Foster "Adding New Life To Old Gardens".

Announcements:

- (1) Illiana Garden and Pond Expo 4/23-4/24
- (2) Plant Sale Saturday 5/21 10am-3pm
- (3) Outing to Wellfield Botanic Gardens, Saturday 5/14

Meeting adjourned 11:20pm

Intermission before speaker

Speaker: Darryl Dorton: "Weeds, a Search and Destroy Mission"