

Orinda Garden Club
General Meeting Minutes 6 Club Bay Visions
Wednesday, January 20, 2016
Greek Orthodox Church

9:30 Arrive 9:40 Meeting/Roll Call about 60 members

President **Margie Murphy** called the meeting to order at 9:40 am. **Joyce Nelson** made two corrections to the Nov. minutes and **Yoni Mayeri** moved; **Jane Ryan** seconded and the minutes were approved as corrected.

Treasurer **Sandy Barnett** said her report is posted on the OGC website. She thanked Heather Dunne for collecting the flower mart badges in San Francisco. Those that ordered them collected them at the sign in table. Contact **Sandy** if you didn't pick yours up. She said She said \$3,000 total was donated to OGC including by Orinda Community Foundation grant (\$500,) Parks and Rec, an anonymous donation, (\$1,000,) and Marin Community Foundation grant, (\$1,500.) **Shari Bashin-Sullivan** stated that she received an email from Michelle Lacey from Parks and Rec saying that Michelle is talking to the landscape person about the median project.

Communications

Tina Locke, Corresponding Secretary, announced the deadline for requesting a change of status is February 1, 2016. Isa Mary Ziegler and Petra Michel-Newton have requested leave of absences. Betsy Bingham and Midge Zischke have asked to change from Active to Associate. Tina made dozens of phone calls and now everyone will receive FMNs electronically rather than through the mail which will save OGC money.

Membership Report

Margie commented that our holiday events were perfect from beginning to end. **Nath Schmicker** thanked the new members for their tablescapes. **Nancy Dickmeyer** said 147 attended the tea. She thanked Kerry and Margie Murphy for their donation of 3 cases of DuMol wine. All of the centerpieces were sold. **Nancy** went on to thank all participants and chairs: **Lynn Garret** and **Lorene Quist** (wreaths around town,) and **Sylvia Carter** and **Marie Krenz** (Tea.)

Jane Wisner announced that Catherine Waters was officially approved as an Honorary Member at the January 14, 2016, Board Meeting.

Jean Rowe announced that there will be instruction at the next two rose pruning sessions Monday, Jan. 25, 2016 and Thurs., February 4, 2016 at Heather Farms in Walnut Creek.

Education

Kirsten Whitsett, from Conservation/Hort said the Partners 4 Plants on Jan. 26, 2016, will involve hands on weeding and raking. She passed the Penny Pines basket. **Kirsten** announced the Thurs., February 11, 2016, movie, Racing to Zero, about the global problems of waste. There will be popcorn, and wine thanks to **Margie**. **Linda Thompson** reported on the El Cerrito recycling plant field trip. Participants learned that you can recycle or reuse EVERYTHING. You can buy compost there or drop off batteries, TVs etc. Lunch was at the Annex and included non GMO food.

Pamela Stefan said that the Nov. raffle raised \$830. **Yoni Mayeri** has arranged a field trip to the Pier 24 Photography Exhibit on Tuesday, February 16, 2016. The facility is directly under the Bay Bridge and is owned by OGC Associate Mary Pilari. Carpooling will commence at 9:45 am from the OCC pool parking lot. **Heather Dunne** said the February 25, 2016, general meeting will include Piedmont Garden Club members. She noted that many OGC members have used the speaker Michael Daigian as their daughters' wedding florist. **Margie** said a Nina McLamore Fashion Show will be during our lunch at OCC. She asked members to write three names of possible models for the event. She will have a drawing to choose the models. Piedmont will choose three of their members to model. **Margie** thanked **Pamela Croce Goode** and **Sugar Filice** for the six trays of food for the meeting. She said everyone goes beyond the call of duty for OGC. She pointed out that our members: **Shari Bashin-Sullivan** and **Dede Felton** are featured in the Garden Club of America Winter 2016 edition on page 54 about the Orinda in Bloom Garden Tour. **Margie** thanked **Carole Wolfman** and **Marty DeJonghe** for all their hard work on today's six club Bay Visions meeting.

New Business

Carole Wolfman announced that the nominating committee for next year's jobs include: **Janet Riley, Sandy Barnett, Julie O'Melveny, Laura Sawczuk, Nath Schmicker and Sandra Holland.**

The meeting was adjourned at 10:07 and members continued on to the Bay Visions part of the day.

Respectfully submitted,
Louise Diracles
OGC Recording secretary

The purposes of the Orinda Garden Club shall be to stimulate the knowledge and love of gardening, to cooperate in the protection and conservation of our natural heritage, to encourage and assist in the beautification of the community.

Important Upcoming Dates:

January 25 Rose Pruning 9:00 – Heather Farms
January 26 Partners for Plants – Meet at noon lower OCC lot
February 4 Rose Pruning 9:00 – Heather Farms
February 8 Bouquets 10:30 Lorene Quist's
February 11 Movie 4:30 "Racing to Zero" at St. Stephen's Church
February 16 Photography Exhibit in SF 8:30 Carpool from OCC

Board Meeting – February 18th at Lisa Jorgen's Home
General Meeting-February 25 at OCC