

Orinda Garden Club General Meeting Thursday, April 24, 2014 Minutes

Meeting opened at 10:05 a.m. with speaker Elizabeth Murray "Living Life in Full Bloom".

Welcome to Mini Luncheons Day

President Janet Riley called the meeting to order. Motion made and seconded to approve minutes to the March General Meeting. Motion passed. Janet noted that Jane Ryan has asked members to update any roster information on the clipboard that is being passed. Judy Gray announced the May General Meeting will include a box lunch for \$18.00. Members should sign up on the clipboard and include a check made out to OGC. Janet said she, Diana Kennedy, and Lisa Jorgens will be attending the GCA Zone XII meeting in Pasadena from April 27 - 30. The theme of the meeting is Evolution of Sustainability.

Janet is asking members at the May meeting to sign up for volunteering on standing committees for next year. The Wagner Ranch Nature Area will hold their Wildlife Festival on Sunday, April 27 to raise funds for the Orinda schools' education programs.

Education Report

Nancy Dickmeyer acknowledged all of the volunteers who helped make the In Translation Flower Show a great success. She thanked all that were involved and said it was a great group effort. Margie Murphy presented photos of the flower show highlights. Joyce Nelson announced that the Horticulture Committee is organizing a field trip to Tanner Garden in Napa on Tuesday, May 20. Members will meet at 9:15 a.m. in the OCC lower parking lot and carpool to Napa. A stop for lunch will be included in the trip and members should plan on being back in Orinda between 2 and 3:00. The Horticulture Committee will also sponsor a plant exchange at the May General Meeting. Members are encouraged to bring a plant from their garden to exchange for a plant from another member. Petra Michel-Newton announced the last Forget Me Not Newsletter for this year is the May issue. The deadline for submitting information is Friday, May 2nd.

Treasurer's Report

Lisa Stefan gave the Treasurer's Report. Lisa shared highlights from two thank you notes, one from the Garden Club of America for the \$5,000 donation to the Save the Redwoods League in support of the GCA Bridge the Gap campaign; and two, from the President and CEO of the Save the Redwoods League. Lisa then reviewed the list of recommended donations to non-profit contributions for 2014-15. The recommended list has been aligned with the Garden Club's mission statement. A motion was made and seconded to approve the donations to the nonprofit organizations. The motion passed. Lisa then reviewed the proposed budget for 2014-15. She reminded members that dues for the following year are due on May 15th. The dues for active members is \$215

and \$150 for associate and sustaining members. A motion was made and seconded to approve the 2014-15 budget as presented. The motion passed.

Conservation Report

Pam Wiley gave a brief overview of the six-club project with the Save the Bay organization.

Beautification Report

Jackie Voigt announced that the Orinda Garden Club will have a Club visiting gardens day on Thursday, May 1st. Three new members, Sandra Holland, Laura Sawczuk and Shari Basin-Sullivan, have volunteered their gardens for a visit from 1:00 to 3:00 p.m. Kirsten Whitsett, on behalf of Laurie Smith, reported on the Mayor's meeting. The Orinda Library is 100 years old this year. She also reminded members to mail in their ballots for the parcel tax to support Orinda schools.

Membership Report

Carole Wolfman announced the nominating committee has proposed Jan Formanek to continue as recording secretary, joined by Louise Diracles. Sandy Barnett is proposed for treasurer. A motion was made and seconded to approve the nominations. The motion passed. Mary Read announced the five new members who will be welcomed into the Orinda Garden Club at the May picnic:

Susan Berger
Barbara Boster
Yoni Mayeri
Margene Stahle
Deb Stephenson

Nita Roethe reminded members to sign up for their box lunch for the May meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:50 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Laurie Lowery