

**Orinda Garden Club  
General Meeting  
October 25, 2012**

President Carole Wolfman called the meeting to order at 10:13 a.m. at the Orinda Country Club.

**Recording Secretary** - Ann Cinderey

Motion made and seconded to approve minutes to September 27, 2012 meeting.

Motion passed.

**Corresponding Secretary** - Dona Snow

Reminder to sign in at front desk and pick up copy of roster.

**Treasurer** - Lisa Stefan

Lisa provided treasurer's report and account balances. For the next month, requests for reimbursements should be sent to Carole.

**Ways & Means** - Julie O'Melveny

Julie noted an excellent response to "No Bake Cupcake Sale" fundraiser. Deadline for receiving \$200 donation is October 31, 2012. Julie read By-law Article V, Section 4 which states active members are responsible for a per capita share in any Ways and Means activity undertaken by the Orinda Garden Club.

**Bouquets** - Lexie Corbitt

Next Bouquets will be Monday, November 12, 2012. Christmas trees will be decorated at the December 10, 2012 Bouquets.

**By-Laws** - Janet Riley

Janet reported a committee was formed to review By-Laws and Standing Rules with a focus toward inclusion and retention of Orinda Garden Club members. The committee reviewed the other five local clubs' by-laws and contacted the Garden Club of America by-laws chair.

Janet reported two changes in the Standing Rules were approved by the Board at their October 9, 2012 Board meeting. In Section A, the first sentence will now read: "All Standing Committee chairmen other than the Membership Committee chairman shall be appointed for two (2) years. All Special Committee chairmen and Membership Committee chairman shall be appointed for one (1) year or as otherwise designated by the President." Section E covering the Non-Discrimination Policy will be moved to the By-Laws.

Janet then presented and discussed each of the proposed substantive changes to the By-Laws.

A motion was made and seconded to approve the proposed By-Laws as emailed to the active members two weeks prior to the October 25, 2012 general meeting. The motion passed.

Committee members were Janet Riley, Gina Field, Jenifer Brunk, Dona Snow, Cathleen Sodos, Lorene Quist, and Dena Raffel.

A copy of the approved By-Laws are attached.

**Community Affairs** - Gina Field

Gina thanked the members who planted bulbs and annuals at the Triangle. Bulbs will also be planted at the Orinda Community Center, Library and City Hall. Julie O'Melveny and a group of Boy Scouts have volunteered to plant the bulbs at the city locations as well as clean up the off-ramp.

Gina will report on the four-club bench project at Theater Square at the January meeting.

**Conservation** - Marty DeJonghe

Marty reported on the tour of the EBMUD Water Treatment Plant in Orinda which was followed by a picnic lunch and walk at the San Pablo Reservoir. Twenty-two members attended the tour and about half continued on to the picnic and walk.

**Flower Arranging Workshop** - Judy Gray

Two workshops are planned for the year. Several spaces are available for the November 1, 2012 workshop at St. Stephen's Church. The second workshop will be held on April 9, 2013 also at St. Stephens. It will be a GCA-sponsored, all-day workshop on floral arranging for flower shows.

**Forget-Me-Not Newsletter** - June Cunningham

Deadline is November 7, 2012. As no FMN will be published in December, the next deadline will be January 2, 2013.

**Horticulture** - Joyce Nelson

Tuesday, November 6, 2012 at 10:00 a.m. workshop "Bulbs 101" at Joyce's home.

**Hospitality** - Anita Hughes

The November 15, 2012 General Meeting will be a guest day meeting. Lunch will be served at the Orinda Country Club. Call the front desk for lunch reservations.

**Merchandise** - Sugar Filice

New garden rakes are available for sale.

**Raffle** - Sheila Wendt

Floral arrangements created by the speaker at the November general meeting will be raffled.

**Heather Farms** - Isa Mary Ziegler

Rose garden is finished for the fall. Pruning will begin in January.

**Holiday Party** - Nancy Dickmeyer

Three events on Friday, November 30, 2012, all taking place at the Orinda Country Club. Wreath decorating at 10:00 a.m. followed by a tea from 11:30 - 1:30 p.m. Guests are welcome to the wreath decorating and tea; no charge for members and \$10.00 per guest fee. Holiday dinner party from 6:00 to 9:00 p.m. \$95.00 each (member and one guest).

100 wreaths will be placed throughout Orinda on Saturday, December 1, 2012. Helpers are needed.

**Old Business:**

Gail Emmons hosted a floral arranging workshop for new members.

**Upcoming Meetings:**

Board Meeting on Tuesday, November 13, 2012 at the home of Bobbie Wilson. 9:00 Coffee/9:30 a.m. meeting.

General Meeting on Thursday, November 15, 2012 - Guest Day. 9:30 Coffee/10:00 a.m. meeting.

Garden Club of America Centennial Dedication Celebration - June 1 - 5, 2013; information in GCA Oct/Nov edition of "Bulletin."

Meeting adjourned at 11:00 a.m.

*Respectfully submitted,*

*Ann Cinderey*

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