Victoria Gardens Board Meeting Minutes

May 4, 2003

10:00 AM

Attendees:

Laura Blackburn, Joan Neumann, Lynn Reim, Barbara Solis, Connie Hampton, Nancy Greenfield, Darlene Cross, Elise Saunders, Ruth Chrismore, Pat Martuscello, Susan McMahon (phone)

Absent: Rosie McKenna

May Event:

* There are over 88 people signed up for the May 10th Bar-B-Que.
* As of now, it will be outside by the pool.
* Tents will be set up so everyone will be in the shade.
* Calendars for next year’s programs will be available.

Second Annual Casino Night:

* Date: February 10th, 2024.
* Ruth and Susan reported. They had a conference call with Romano.
* A contract has been sent to Ruth giving us a 28% discount if we can count him as a contributor.
* There will be more Texas Hold ‘Em tables, perhaps one in the library.
* 216 people will be accommodated at the event.
* Other suggestions are card tables in the card room, and bingo in the Multi-Purpose room run by person that does it at Murph’s. He brings all the items for the event and charges $150.
* Ruth and Susan reported that other companies were not as good as Romano. He was the most professional. The goal is to have an experience as good as if not better than last year, plus all the dealers were so good.
* Romano promised that the slot machines would be there with two people to supervise them. Susan and Ruth will continue to negotiate the slot machine situation. Romano understands there was an issue at February’s event.
* Romano will do an on-site visit before the event to see the actual space available and listen to suggestions.
* Ahead of the February 10th, 2024 date, a lot of planning is going on. The committee is following a lot of what we did in February. The biggest thing right now is getting commitments from sponsors over the summer. Darlene has three commitments already. Susan is working on an assisted living place, among other possibilities.
* Romano recommended that we wait until October to pursue commitments for sponsors, but the committee feels that we need to do it early, as other clubs will be looking for sponsors for their upcoming events.

Membership Drive Report:

* As of May 4th, there are about 100 renewals.
* The committee is looking for many to renew at the May 10th luncheon.
* 55 people filled out the form saying that they are interested in committees.
* Nancy sent out reminders to branches, and hard copies to branch leaders.
* Laura will send out a blast to remind people to join by May 14th to be eligible for the drawing for an apron.
* Connie said the next step is to text people that haven’t renewed, and the step after that is a knock on the door for a face-to-face meeting.
* THANK YOU to Joan for the information that went out in the blast.

Fall Fundraising Event:

* The date for The Spirited Event is October 21, 2023.
* Susan reported that Don is the key to the success of this event. He is confident that he can get vendors to donate beer and wine.
* There will be heavy hors d’ oeuvres.
* The event will be held in the ballroom with standup cocktail tables to encourage mingling.
* Baskets provided by the branches will be raffled off.
* A wine pull table will be available. Participants buy a ticket and pull a bottle of wine, without seeing the label. The committee is looking at ways to get wine for this part of the fundraiser. Perhaps buying wine from the Elusive Grape, or board members contributing a bottle. This is a work in progress.
* The committee is looking at having some live music for the event. They are looking to the community for ideas. Perhaps someone play the piano for an hour, and other suggestions for entertainment for an hour at a time are being considered.
* The event is $50 per person.
* The clubhouse will already be decorated for Halloween, and the committee has offered to help Kim.
* Rosie and Cindy Cotto will be getting more information out.

Mahjongg Event Report:

* The event was a huge success. The only complaint was that it was too crowded.
* The committee is working on revamping the food space and keeping it simple. The idea of a simple buffet was suggested. On Bonnie’s evaluation of the event, it was noted that people from outside our development would be interested in coming, and 10 people volunteered to help with the event.
* Elise reported that the committee thought they should have one BIG Mahjongg event in January with lunch at the vine. It was also discussed that this is such a targeted audience that one in early December, and one in April might be a possibility.
* Barbara reported that the event made $2,500.00 for our charities.
* Well done!!

Sunshine Report:

* Connie reported that thinking of you cards, and sympathy cards seem to be going out on a regular basis.
* HOA board would like to use our resources for people that need a ride, soup, meals, etc.

Other:

* Susan sent out an emergency call for twin sheets for The Family Renew Center, and toddler clothing for The Beacon Center.
* A blast was sent out to the membership. A box for donations was placed at the clubhouse and drop off at Susan’s or Laura’s was another option. The response was overwhelming. This too helps to bring awareness to our charities.
* New Officers for the coming year: Susan McMahon, President. Gail Thomas, Treasurer.

Meeting adjourned at 11:45AM

Respectfully submitted,

Patricia Martuscello Victoria Gardens Recording Secretary

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**To:**Laura Blackburn,Patricia Martuscello,Susan Mcmahon,DARLENE CROSS,Nancy Greenfieldand 6 more...

Mon, May 1 at 2:59 PM

May 4th Publicity Director Board Meeting Report – Joan Neumann

Created the following flyer/sheets:

            Mah Jongg Madness II editing (Elsie Kraft-Richmond created originals)

            Auction Bid Sheets for Mah Jongg Madness

            Membership Drive

            May 10th BBQ Lunch

            Spirited Fall Event Save The Date

Joan Neumann

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Membership Director Monthly Report May 2023

* Committee meeting with my group to discuss our approach for 2024 Membership Drive. The suggestion was made that we approach it first as an invitation via email. We will see how this tactic goes then go to plan B.
* An order for T-Shirts has been made so as to create some revenue. The T- Shirts are a good way to advertise our organization. Walking billboards everywhere in the Gardens.
* Name tags are being ordered for new members as they join.
* There is an Activities Fair on Wednesday May 24, 6:00-8:00 p.m. in the

Magnolia Ballroom. I need a volunteer from the Board to attend that meeting in my absence. Please see the Resident Service Desk for the Registration Form. Thanks so much.

* Cards of all sorts are being sent out to our membership and some neighbors that need to be members. Thanks to Ellie Freud.
* Working on a plan on how to connect the Street Captains in a better manner. Will create a plan of action this summer.
* The membership committee is also creating a plan to be better steward toward our new members.
* My committee has lost Maureen Dube as a member, and she has been replaced with Barbara Solis.
* I would like to say a BIG Thanks to the Sunshine Group for their care and concern for Barbara Waterston in her last days.

Connie Hampton Membership Director