Dogwood Garden Club

Minutes – August 7, 2019

Barbara O’Sullivan welcomed our small group of 8 members and 2 guests at the Burger Lounge in beautiful Lake Tahoe. The weather was fantastic, and members enjoyed a delicious and relaxed lunch outside at picnic tables surrounded by lofty pine trees.

Prior to lunch, members and guests toured the nearby Tallac Heritage Site and explored the fascinating Pope and Baldwin estates and Museum. A century ago, this site held the “Grandest Resort in the World” and was the summer retreat for a few of San Francisco Bay Area’s socially elite families. Today, the remains of the resort and the restored estates attract thousands of visitors annually to recapture this bygone and significant era in Tahoe’s history.

After lunch, Barbara O’Sullivan presented the minutes from the July 2019 meeting. Janet Sullivan moved to approve the minutes. Sylvia Hamblin seconded the motion.

*Treasurer Report* – Barbara O’Sullivan reported the current budget balance as $4,364.00, with $425 of that amount coming from raffle donations. Discussion followed as to how best to donate funds this year. A donation form has been created, and Janel Edmiston is writing instructions to go with the form to give to potential donation recipients. Barbara will send out information to all members on the club’s past donation activities for the last few years.

*Welcome Guests -* The following guests were present for the tour and meeting:

Tom Sullivan – Husband of Janet Sullivan

Steve Laam – Husband of Valerie Laam

**New Business**

*September Meeting* – Carol Game will host this pot luck meeting at her home on Wednesday, September 4th. Sierra Wildlife Rescue will provide a speaker and will have several large raptors on site! A door prize donated by Carol, will be given away. Barbara and Carol will provide BBQ main dish (pulled pork), and members will be advised via e-mail as to location address and what to bring for side dishes.

*October Meeting* – Carol Game will host the October meeting at the Apple Bistro Café on the outside patio, with a presentation by local artist Leroy Glissman.

*Sunshine* Report – Get well cards were requested recently for Maureen Julian, who had several recent hospitalizations but is feeling much better now.

*Birthday Lunch –* Janet Sullivan announced that the August Birthday Lunch will be held at the Beef and Brew in Diamond Springs on August 14th at 11:30 a.m. RSVP to Janet if you’d like to attend. Separate checks will be honored.

*Gardening Request* – Barbara reported, on behalf of Leslie Sinclair, that the Pollock Pines Postmaster reached out to her about having the Dogwood Garden Club assist in keeping up the flower bed area outside the Post Office. A possible partnership could be made with Rotary to do some hardscape projects such as sprinklers, improve the water system, etc. to help keep this area looking pretty and well-maintained.

*Raffle Information –* The painting by a local artist that was raffled off several years back was “re-donated” back to the club, so can be raffled off again. Raffle tickets will be sold at the next couple of meetings, and also at the “Holiday Gift Fair in the Pines” in November. Winner will be announced at a later date.

*Membership* – We have welcomed a total of 10 new members this year! We will have an orientation in October to welcome and help mentor our new members, find out what they like to do, and talk about the great things we do as an organization. It’s important for our new members to know we work closely with many local organizations (Fire Safety Council, FOL, CEDAPP, Rotary, etc.), and how those relationships help to benefit our community.

Norma Ray moved to adjourn the meeting at 1:47 p.m. Marilyn Johnson seconded the motion.

Respectfully submitted,

Valerie Laam

Secretary/Membership