

Minutes for the 2013 Holiday Home Party/General Meeting, Saturday, December 14, 2013

In Attendance: Danville, Alamo, Walnut Creek Branch Members

Attached: Agenda

The meeting was called to order by Loretta Altshuler Co President at 7:30 pm at the home of Carol Highton in Alamo. She shared that we would be conducting our general meeting for the next 15-20 minutes. A short agenda has been prepared and read to members. It is attached.

Loretta thanked Carol Highton for letting the branch members use her festive home for the party and general meeting. Thanks were also extended to Anna Freitas and Jane Stimpson for all their work to make the HHT a success, all committee members, docents, volunteers and homeowners. Judy Lauper was thanked for all the excellent food.

A reminder for the branch January Program/General Meeting was shared. The featured speaker will be Mary Knox, Deputy District Attorney for Contra Costa County daughter of our Program VP Mimi Knox. All members were invited to attend on Thursday, January 30, 2014 at Diablo Country Club for lunch at the cost of \$29. A check can be mailed to the PO Box in Alamo.

Second Order of business was the important general membership vote on the fifth member of the 2013-2014 Nominating Committee.

Current nominating committee members include: Judith Finch (chairperson), Pat Gross, Soni Leighton and Sandy Shalon. The fifth member of the committee to be approved today is Roseann Krane. A branch member was requested to move to approve Roseanne Krane as the fifth member of the 2013-2014 Nominating Committee as approved by the board at the November 14, 2013 board meeting.

Motion made by: Liz Williams who moved to approve Roseann Krane as the fifth member of the 2013-2014 Nominating Committee as approved by the board at the November 14, 2013 board meeting. The second was made by Tena Gallagher. A vote was taken and the motion passed.

Karen Large was introduced and offered her general thanks to those involved with the HHT especially Anna and Jane.

Anna Freitas then shared thanks to all members of her committee and all docents. She expressed gratitude for the homeowners, the improved weather, the docents and volunteers, and for her co-chair Jane Stimpson. Those recognized were as follows:

Co-Chairs: Anna Freitas and Jane Stimpson: Head Docents: Arlene Barnett, Marilyn Bressler, Tena Gallagher, Loretta Lewis, Caroline Sanchez, Ticket Sales and Database Management: Mary Mix, Marcia Steinhardt, Holly Sauer, Gerry Washalaski, Refreshments: Melanie Wade, Sonya Borlandelli, Restaurant Participation: Tena Gallagher, Directional Signs: Connie Cady, Tena Gallagher, Ticket Graphic Design: Dora-Thea Porter, Pay Pal: Teresa Cheung, Marketing: Jane Stimpson, Tena Gallagher, Photography: Marian Bliss, Handmade Quilt Donation: Mary Mix, Quilt Drawing Sales Coordinator: Mary Granzotto, Head Docent Bags/Name Tags: Susan Terzuoli, Homeowner Gifts: Kathie Hixon, Balloons: Anna Freitas, Jane Stimpson, Publicity: Tena Gallagher, Website: Teresa Cheung, Home Recruitment: Tena Gallagher, Jane Stimpson, Anna Freitas, Mary Ellen Blake and a special thank you to the home owners.

Marcia Steinhardt then reported on the ticket sales for the holiday home tour, but said that all totals would not be finalized until December 23, 2014 when all involved in sales can meet. In summary, in 2012, 669 tickets were sold for a gross total of \$18,920 and this included 279 adult and 390 senior tickets. To date but not a final figure is the gross sales for 2013, \$21,186, 748 tickets were sold 298 adult and 450 senior. There were 79 more tickets sold this year which resulted in an additional \$2,266.

Karen Large then thanked again our Holiday Home Tour Co-Chairs Anna Freitas and Jane Stimpson, Holiday Home Hostess Carol Highton and Hospitality, Judy Lauper. Each was presented with a thank you gift from all the branch members.

The winner of the quilt drawing was Geilyn Johnson. Marcia Steinhardt picked the ticket from all those who purchased drawing tickets. Mary Granzotto reported that quilt sales were \$1,275 to date.

The meeting was adjourned by Karen Large at 7:50 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by Loretta Altshuler Acting Secretary, on behalf of Olga Erbe

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