

Las Candalistas General Meeting Minutes
January 12, 2022
9:30 Meeting- Zoom



President- Karen Stockbridge opened the meeting at 9:33am. Karen Stockbridge thanked Karen Tucker for arranging and hosting the zoom meeting. She acknowledged that because of the surge in Covid cases we would hopefully temporarily resort to zoom meetings but will have to take things a month at a time. She asked that when the Spring Event is discussed for members to go to 'Speaker View' so that they can see the Event Chairs and their props.

Chairman of the Board- Laura Webb

Laura said she also hoped we would be meeting in person again soon and was looking forward to the big reveal!

Laura said that the Board of Directors were starting to put a nominating Committee together to plan the Officer slate for the next year. They have asked the current Officers to let them know if they would like to remain an Officer for the following year, and they encourage new members to consider stepping up, and for friends to nominate friends too. Laura Webb added it is a great way to get to know the organization.

Laura also said that the BOD was going to review the standing rules as some areas were contradictory or confusing if anyone had an interest in this to let them know. The BOD would be having a meeting following this meeting to get things moving.

New Business:

Spring Event Reveal

Karen Stockbridge said she was really excited to introduce the new event chairs. She said that the three ladies have already contributed so much to the organization and were once again stepping up. She introduced Lorri Mino, Lisa Nesicolaci and Cathy Howard who were in white suits and beekeeper hats, they 'buzzed' onto the screen!

They warned everyone that they had only attended the event as customers but were excited and thrilled to be leading the event. Lisa stated that the theme was 'Bees' and the title would be 'The Secret Life of Bees'.

Cathy said that they liked the theme of the Fall Social so borrowed the theme. They hoped to educate everyone on the Life of the Honeybee. Cathy quoted Albert Einstein: *"If honeybees die out, humans will follow a few years later."*

Lorri said that they had been working on getting Chairs in place and they have quite a few but they still needed, Logistics, Bake and Luncheon Liaison. They ended with holding up a sign that said, "Bee happy!".



Lorri said that a few of the Chairs have some things to say:

Silent Auction – Kathy Black and Debbie Sampson

Debbie held up signs with Bee puns and asked all members to consider contributing prizes so that we can raise funds for our charities. She stated that over the last few years Silent Auction had raised between \$6,000- \$12,000 and it was down to the creativity and generosity of our members. Debbie suggested members ‘Partner up’ for prizes by shopping together, or partner with a restaurant, find a garden to hold a dinner, find a behind the scenes tour, a 2nd home for a holiday vacation. She also said they would take money and buy prizes. She also added they needed Associates and Sustainers to help on the day.

Garden - Karen Stockbridge and Laura Webb

Karen said that when she did it previously with Janie Woodburn, they enjoyed having unusual containers to put the plants in. She asked members to sort through their pots, and sort through household items too. She would like to have things like soup terrines, silver items and any thing a bit different. They didn’t want normal pots that you get orchids in. She asked members to contact them and to drop off or they will pick up.

Found Treasures – Judy Moorhead.

Judy said that they did so well clearing and selling things that were low on inventory. But they really only want treasures, like crystal, china, and silver. As we no longer have Ladera Linda members need to contact Judy who will need photos or to see the items. She encouraged members to let her know if friends are moving/downsizing.

Las Candalistas Creations - Lynda Black, Pat Hoffman

Lynda reported that Pat Hoffman is currently in the hospital with an infected knee. They were looking to create a range of items under the brand ‘Bee inspired’. They would be making jewelry, soy and beeswax products and needed gently used t shirts, preferably, black, yellow and white but would be happy with any. Plainer shirts would be more useful.

After questions it was confirmed, the event was on Thursday the 21st of April at Catalina View Gardens, and would follow similar formats from previous years. The main difference was they were scaling back the numbers from 350 to 250 because of Covid and that would mean they wouldn’t need the SUP.

Karen Stockbridge reminded all Actives that they need to take on a Chair or Co-Chair position. She reminded everyone that keeping your mind busy and working with others was good for your health. She thanked the Queen Bees most sincerely for all their work and enthusiasm.

Storage Update- Polly Goodman

Polly said at the Officers meeting that she was nervous as we need to be out of Ladera Linda by the end of January and we still had a lot to do. But the following weekend Karen’s handyman Nolan and Greg Brousard and Lynda Black and her husband helped move all the large things from Ladera Linda to the new storage unit.

This Saturday the 15th of January a number of officers said that they could help, and husbands had been persuaded to help too. They would be moving the rest of the stuff including a lot of the bake items. Polly thanked everyone that had helped so far and were helping on Saturday it was a huge weight off her shoulders.

Jan Raymond added that Polly had taken on a huge role and thanked to her too. She reminded members that we still really needed a room, the containers were only supposed to be temporary. She added that they had posters from previous events and if anyone wanted them to let her know. Patt Crane added she would like her one from 2001.

OFFICER REPORTS-

V.P.s. Philanthropy-Cathy Howard & Kathy Black

Cathy said that lots had been accomplished in the fall for our philanthropy's. They would be collecting for Toberman and Marine Mammal care after the January meeting, but as it was zoom, they would need to ask members to drop them off or Cathy could pick up. For Toberman they need pantry items including petfood and personal hygiene products. For Marine Mammal care they needed Bleach as it was approaching their 'stranding time' where they took in lots of Seal and sealion pups.

Karen Stockbridge thanked them for their work on the Philanthropies but also taking on the Adopt a Family and thanked Donna Ciminera and Jan Raymond for the toiletry collection too.

V.P.s Ways & Means- Lynda Black & Pat Hoffman

Lynda said that they had already started the behind the scenes work on the event. As the guest numbers were 250, Catalina View Gardens had confirmed they didn't need the SUP. They were working on the other permits and porta potties.

V.P.s Membership- Lorri Mino & Lisa Nesicolaci

Lisa said the lanyards had been well received, they still have some members who haven't picked them up and if anyone had lost them to let them know. Lorri said that they had two new members one had come in through the website the other through Carla Smith. Loris said if anyone had anybody that they knew might be interested in becoming a member, to please let them know. They also wished all the January birthdays a happy day!

Treasurer- Judy Armstrong- Budget numbers

Judy said it was a great pleasure to report the exciting financial update:

Event - \$83,142.57

Member - \$9,169.35

Property - \$1,369.37

Total - **\$93,681.29**

She added that this time last year we were only at \$ 56,000.00, with the Spring Event yet to still happen we must be on for a record year!

Recording Secretary- Debbie Sampson

Debbie stated that the minutes of the November meeting have been approved.

Corresponding Secretary- Laura Henson-Broussard

Laura said she had no news. The newsletters had gone out ok. Karen thanked Laura for getting our name out on social media on a regular basis and for all the emails that she had sent out.

Parliamentarian Karyn Farris

Karyn said she had booked the library from February to June. She was hoping that we would be able to meet in person. She also added that she has penciled in the Blue Water Grill for the June luncheon. They were being very flexible and said that we would be OK confirming in March/April.

President-

Old Business:

Excursion planned for January 19- Nancy Bruce and Sue Spellacy

Sue said that 14 were still going to the Academy Museum and 11 were getting refunds. There were two drivers Lorri Mino and Karyn Farris. Sue explained that they would receive their tickets via email. They need to either print and take with them or take a photo, they also needed their vaccination cards. They would email the parking info and recommended people sort out their own lunch plans.

Nancy said that they had taken the decision to cancel the other excursions until the new variant of Covid had quietened down.

Boutique Sale- Lisa Nescolaci

Lisa thanked everyone that helped.

Karen Stockbridge thanked all those involved for a great event with a fabulous \$9,000 raised. She thanked Lisa for leading it and the vision and felt adding vendors was a good thing to add too.

Friends and Family Sale- Laura Webb, Janie Woodburn, Cathy Howard-

Laura said that they have just under 3 cases of the Cranberry and Jalapeno jelly left, plus some Almond syrup. It is currently at her house so to let her know if anyone wanted more.

Adopt a Family- Kathy B, Cathy H

Karen Stockbridge said they had already covered this earlier in the meeting

Thrift- Jan Raymond & Donna Ciminera

Karen said they had already covered the toiletry Bags but asked if they were collecting thrift. Donna replied that no charities were currently accepting it. She encouraged members to take any to their usual places.

Amazon Prime/Ralphs Rewards- Cheryl Deppe

Cheryl stated that they had recently received the last quarters monies. They had received \$406 from Ralphs and \$70 from Amazon Smile. She said we currently have 54 members signed up. She encouraged more to sign up. She also added that it looked like Vons do a similar program she would check to see if we qualified.

Sunshine Report- Gina Radocchio & Susan Udewitz

Gina said that they had just received the news about Pat Hoffman in hospital. She would find out if she would like cards and meals, Lynda Black replied she thought that she would. Gina said they will send an email out Saturday nearer to her being out of hospital.

Gina also said that she had been trying to find out from Deri Antrim's husband when the memorial service was. Karen Tucker and Pat Crane added they think he has cancelled it because of Covid, and the family will just have small family memorial.

Meeting Adjourned at 10:45am

