

CLCA San Francisco Bay Area Chapter Board Minutes - May 21, 2008

The SFBA Chapter board met on May 21. The meeting was Called to Order at 5:30 pm.

Roll Call

Kevin Burns, Rick Camin, Craig Rapp, Ryan Marlinghaus, Jim Link, Charlene Ott, Michael Gladden, Bob Kirtley, Julia Pollex, James Walker, Nanci Wilborn, Frank Niccoli, Michelle Gaspar, and Constance Cook were present.

Minutes

The minutes from the April 2008 board meeting were approved with corrections. Motion was made by Frank Niccoli, and seconded by Craig Rapp to approve the corrected April 2008 minutes. Motion passed.

Treasurer's Report

Jim Link presented the April 2008 Treasurer's Report. He noted that Quickbooks 2008 had been successfully installed by Charlene Ott on the Ott's computer. A motion was made by Kevin Burns and seconded by Frank Niccoli to approve the Treasury Report. The motion passed.

Kevin Burns inquired about the updated signature cards. Rick Camin noted they would be done shortly. There was also a discussion regarding stop payment fees charged by our local bank branch.

New Business

The board discussed the funding of board member trips to CLCA State functions. Comments and clarifications were made based on the December 2007 minutes regarding chapter policy for approved funding to these events.

Kevin Burns made a motion to approve the clarification of chapter policy. Ryan Marlinghaus seconded it.

There was also a clarification regarding annual committee appointments. The president can appoint committee members "as needed" throughout the year.

Membership Committee

Rick Camin reported 7 new members for April. Rick also passed out a list of 50 new CLCA members. He suggested Board Members choose new members off the list who are nearest them geographically and call each new member to encourage participation in the organization.

Chapter Project Committee

Rick Camin discussed the successful completion of this year's project at "Achieve Kids" in Mountain View. He reported that Ewing Irrigation, Pacific Nursery, Lyngso Garden, Care of Trees, and Pasco donated labor and supplies. CLCA banners will be put up at the site to promote our organization's hard work. Dozens of members and a few of their crew members joined in the effort. There were also several Foothill College students who made a significant contribution. It was a great success and was a stop on this year's garden tour. Rick reported that next year's project would be chaired by James Walker.

Chapter Garden Tour

Committee chairperson, Charlene Ott reported on the Garden Tour which was on Saturday, May 3. There was a final count of twenty-five attendees (10 contractors, 5 designers or architects and 10 guests or family members). Michelle Gaspar jump started us with Starbucks Coffee and Vicky Parrott took charge of refreshments for the day. Included were mid-morning mimosas and fresh strawberries to go with the doughnuts from Mary and Barry Cohen. Boxed lunches were delivered to Foothill College from Le Boulanger and an afternoon treat for a final touch. Because we had seven garden partners we were able to charter a bus and enjoy a great day of fine food and beautiful gardens with friends old and new for only \$45.00 a person and still make a profit. Thanks were given to Garden Tour Partners and committee members Vicky Parrott and Janet Bell. Also thanks to Michelle Gaspar. Charlene recommended Janet Bell for the 2009 Garden Tour Chairperson.

Awards Committee

Bob Kirtley reported that there were 108 entries this year with 3 disqualifications. Invitations are out, signs have been made and he is expecting much help from the students for the June 14, dinner extravaganza at the University Club in Palo Alto. The theme will be "The 35th Annual Awards Celebration". Red carpets, special lighting and flowers will adorn the entrance.

Education Committee

Ryan Marlinghaus reported that 12 persons attended the monthly "brown bag" informal gathering from noon to 2:00 pm at Memorial Park in Cupertino (Stevens Creek Blvd. and Mary Ave.). Fabio Galvao from Water-Wise Consulting spoke. All are welcome to attend. Next month's gathering time and date are to be determined.

Partners for Success

Constance Cook reported that all but 3 Partners had paid in full. She is seeking more Platinum, Gold and Student Partners.

Chapter Events

Kevin Burns discussed the success of the Casino Night at Peninsula Building Materials' Showroom. Countless donated prizes and \$800.00 in cash were raffled off.

Resource Management Committee

Michael Gladden reported on San Jose water planning. He will be attending the meeting in San Jose on June 2, and will report to the board at the June board meeting.

State Liason

Frank Niccoli reported on four bills currently relevant to Landscape Contractors. Included are immigration and water use issues.

Student Club – Foothill College

Julia Pollex told us about the upcoming schedule for the club. She encouraged our member participation in the Foothill Student Horticulture Club including methods to contact CLCA members to invite more participation.

Upcoming events are:

- Career night on May 27. Various speakers will discuss their unique niche in our industry.
- Contractor Night on June 10. This event will feature contractors giving presentations to club members about unique experiences as landscape contractors.

Congratulations

Congratulations went out to Jeff Calhoun of FX Luminaire and his wife Meghan for the birth of their new baby girl, Abigail O'Brien Calhoun.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:30 p.m.