

Minutes from the August 2, 2021 Meeting

Called to order at 1:30 p.m.

An excellent turnout of 27 members. There are currently 30 names on the roster.

Introduction of new members – Herlinda Mahler, Sheila Miller, Debbie Stevenson, Lil Nailon, Liz Larkin, and Christine Parkman. Some claimed that they had "no green thumb"!!

Introduced **steering committee** members – Ann, Robin, Alice, Kristen, Merlin, and Roger. Purpose of the committee is to provide focus and direction for the club.

Cindy Palermo, treasurer, will process and reimburse expenditures.

Marketing and Communication

Lynn Thomas, will post Garden Club information on the PEW website. **Pewresidents.com**.

Debbie Stevenson will provide an article for the Hilltopper each month, preferably with a photo.

Librarian – Eileen Lalone indicated that the single shelf library of garden books is available to all and encouraged those who use the books to return them in a timely manner.

Field Trips/resident garden tours – Robin energetically and enthusiastically discussed the numerous possibilities regarding on site garden tours and off site field trips.

Tours of on site gardens – shall we limit the number of people who attend due to the small size of most on site gardens? Or, schedule the tours over a 1 to 2 hour period so those interested could tour at different times?

Robin will develop a calendar to use for scheduling. Frequency of field trips was also discussed.

The steering committee will discuss this issue further and bring the results of that discussion to all members at the next meeting.

FIRST GARDEN TOUR – Ann & Roger – SPACE 320 – SATURDAY AUGUST 7, 9 – 11AM

Field trips ideas taken from the suggestion box at the August 2, 2021 meeting

For garden tours, contact Bob Taylor (760 522-4190). He plants succulents in palm fronds.

Grand Tradition in Fallbrook WaterWise Botanical – off highway 15 near Fallbrook

Leo Carillo Ranch Walter Anderson nursery – Poway

Alta Vista Botanical Garden Succulent Cafe

Sherman Gardens – Corona Del Mar Huntington Gardens in Pasadena – Japanese and Chinese gardens

Speaker Merlin Chancellor did an outstanding job of explaining the process of the propagation of plants. He uses the bottom and top halves of egg cartons as seed starters. Uses cactus mix for cuttings. He also showed the group how to start and divide african violets. Obviously, he knows what he's talking about. For further information about propagation, please contact him directly.

Plant identification apps – Ann has downloaded an app called **PictureThis** that is very effective in identifying plants. At about \$30 per year, it's very helpful and seems pretty reasonable. Just take a photo of the plant and all kinds of good info is displayed. Sheila has downloaded an app call **plant snap** and does not recommend it.

Thanks toMerlin and Jean for excellent refreshments and to Alice for taking notes.

NEXT MEETING – Tuesday, Sept. 7 at 1:30