

VCRS BOARD MEETING MINUTES JANUARY 31, 2009

President Jim Delahanty opened the meeting at 10:08 at Café Aroma in Newbury Park. Attending were Ingrid Walpelhorst, Janet Sklar, Dr. Ken Kerr, Earl Holst, Jim and Jane Delahanty, Kathy Ayers, Nell August, and Kay Abbott.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. ARS requested \$100.00 donation from VCRS. Kay so moved; seconded and passed. (MSP)
2. Budget: Treasurer Earl Holst presented the budget for 2009; discussion followed,
3. Newsletter: electronic or postal mailing was discussed. Janet moved we purchase a year's supply of 'forever stamps' for mailing the hard copies. MSP.
4. ARS has requested our society for assistance at their National &/or District convention in Palm Springs in November 2009. It was felt that enough members would attend to honor that request. We will also receive a request for funds. Janet moved we volunteer physical assistance at this time. MSP.
5. Auction Review: Jim thanked the Board as well as all those who donated goods without Reimbursement. Discussion of the day and all agreed it was outstanding. \$4,000 was earned, more than any other society auction in So Calif. The catalogue was praised, many compliments were given, and requests for copies were received. Kay suggested that in future auctions, copies be available, Nell added they could be had for a donation. Suggestion: Possibly separate pruning demo from auction or combine a fixed price sale with pruning demo and separate auction.
6. CR School: Consulting Rosarian chair Dawn Marie Johnson proposed that we hold a CR School in June. There will be one offered by the San Diego Society in February.
7. Tours: Janet Suggested touring the Faulkner House in Santa Paula. They have several small gardens including a small rose garden. Kay reminded that Linda Banner-Bacin had suggested a tour of Seminis Seed Co. Also, Hetty Shurtleff made an overture to have a tour of her garden, mentioning that possibly a Santa Barbara area tour might include Bud & Kay Jones' property. Janet will check out the Santa Paula tour and Ken will look into any other tours.
8. Jim announced that Linda Banner-Bacin will be relocating to Florida. We will honor her request to not hold a formal farewell celebration, but may have a card

available for members to sign at the next meeting.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Newsletter Outsourcing: "Syndicated Rose News". Dr. Tommy Cairns has generated a generic newsletter composed of four other societies including L.A., Riverside, San Fernando, and Tinsel Town. Discussion re pros & cons of providing local news and that of general interest; the cost of printing by out society, lack of people willing to write & edit, proof & ultimately print the newsletter. Jim will ask Dr. Cairns to give specifics re a generic newsletter.

Earl mentioned a survey of membership indicating their preference on this as well as other services they liked, (mtgs., tours, newsletter, etc.)

Patrick Delahanty agreed to continue printing the newsletter through 12/09.

2. Tours: Ken added that Santa Clarita Rose Society has had tours by Kitty Belendez. A brief discussion followed, no consensus was made.

Meeting adjourned at 11:05.

Respectfully submitted,

Kay Abbott, Secretary

Addendum: Proposed budget for 2009 was approved via le-mail (Kay, Ken, Jane, Earl, and Nell,) on 2/02/09. Done!

Minutes approved 2/25/09: (Janet, Kathy, Nell, Earl & Kay.)