

## **Jardineros Board Meeting**

**July 24, 2025**

### **In attendance:**

Janice Grann, Cheryl Betterly, Nancy Evans, Sharon Arthur, Linda Lockett,

Kathy Hayes, Carol Horner, Karen Cox, Margaret Bruch and Lisa Fink

President Grann called the meeting to order at 10:00 am

Sharon Arthur and Nancy Evans reported on online payment options. Fee structure would be between 2.6 & 2.9 % per transaction. It was proposed to bring this to the membership to see if they would use it. The committee is looking into the benefits for the treasurer. Hoping to finish up and report back to the Board in August for a vote. If a recommendation is received, it will be sent to the Board for an electronic vote.

President Grann presented the need for a storage shed to house all the Jardineros things which are now in several member's homes. She said the cost, convenience, and shelving need to be taken into consideration. Nancy Evans mentioned the need to form a group to manage all the items that would be going into the shed. Karen Cox offered to explore our options, and also suggested sending a note out to the membership asking if they might have any items/things that belong to Jardineros that could be housed in a shed.

President Grann reported on Mainstreet Community Driven Development website that would provide information about organizations/business in Placitas. The potential name of the Placitas project would be "What's happening in Placitas, a Virtual Visitors Center." The Board agreed we should be a non-core member defined as an organization that wants to be included in the creative process of establishing this project in Placitas and who would potentially be able to post events to the event calendar, but would not be considered a "core" member. President Grann will continue to attend the project meetings as the representative of Jardineros as this project is developed.

Nancy Evans asked that any monies that are left from restricted donations from the 60<sup>th</sup> anniversary go into the 2026 budget. Motion made, seconded by Karen Cox, and passed.

Kathy Hays gave an update on the 60<sup>th</sup> anniversary. A retainer payment of \$500.00 has been sent to Prairie Star for the event dinner on December 7, 2025. The anniversary committee voted to pay for any past out of town presidents and a guest for the dinner/dance. Volunteers are still needed for the September event, the Placitas Garden Tour.

Karen Cox and Nancy Evans are to deliver the benevolence check to Bound for Success. All other benevolence checks along with a letter signed by President Grann were sent out today, July 24th.

Margaret Bruch reported that the Community Service committee is in need of a chairperson in 2026. She noted the community service committee meeting is scheduled for Sept. 2<sup>nd</sup>. Sharon Arthur suggested visiting the different facilities to attract more members to become involved. Margaret Bruch suggested having more participatory service events (i.e. volunteering together at Haven House to organize their store) may attract members to become involved.

Nancy Evans gave the financial report. The cost to purchase the AED for the Presbyterian Church had gone from \$140.00 to \$175.00. A vote was taken and passed to add \$35.00 to cover the increase.

Carol Horner from the nominating committee reported that there is still a need for a recording secretary. She noted that between 35 and 40 members were contacted about filling the position, and so far, there have been no takers. The committee would like to make another pitch at the August meeting to drum up a volunteer and wondered if Jean could say a few words about what the role entails. Margaret Bruch asked if the current secretary could possibly stay on for another year. Cheryl Betterly confirmed there was no stipulation in the updated bylaws for how to handle officer positions when struggling to fill them, only for committee chair positions. Carol Horner also suggested considering ways to incentivize members to participate/volunteer for officer roles and committee chairs (i.e. some sort of recognition or thank you). Linda Lockett suggested that Carol contact Lesile Nipps and ask if she would be interested.

Cheryl Betterly is working with her committee on scheduling programs for 2026, she noted the next meeting would be August 8<sup>th</sup>.

Deborah Gullo, our webmaster, was not in attendance, but she sent President Grann an e-mail. She wrote that the regular emails to the membership continue to go out as/when requested; the membership recently voted on the organizations proposed for benevolence donations; and the website is up to date in general terms. As noted in the April meeting minutes, the website does need to be updated and streamlined; she proposed working on this in early fall.

Next board meeting to be held at the library on October 23<sup>rd</sup>.

Meeting adjourned at 11:57 am.

Respectfully submitted,

Lisa Fink, Corresponding Secretary

## **JARDINEROS de PLACITAS**

### **BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING MINUTES**

**April 24, 2025**

**Call to order:** President Janice Grann called the meeting to order at 10:00 am.

**Present:** Janice Grann, Sharon Arthur, Linda Lockett, Cheryl Betterly, Cindy Bourne, Karen Cox, Nancy Evans, Lisa Fink, Deborah Gullo, Linda Lockett, Trisha Lund, Jean Roberts.

**Absent:** Cathryne Richards, Jackie Pedersen, Linda Hughes, Jayne Schultz, Joanna Valentine.

**Other Members Attending:** Joanie Wood

**Online Payment Options:** Joanie Wood and Deborah Gullo presented extensive information on options to allow Jardineros members to pay dues and other items online, as well as how reminders could be sent. Margaret Bruch moved that we allow for online dues and event payments. Cindy Bourne seconded, and the motion passed. Sharon Arthur, Nancy Evans, Cindy Bourne, and Deborah Gullo volunteered to serve on a committee to develop an implementation proposal. Joanie will be available for consulting as needed.

**Nominating Committee Chair:** Janice noted that the board needs to appoint a chair. Cheryl moved that we appoint Carol Horner. Nancy seconded, and the motion passed.

**Thank You Letter Invitation:** Lisa Fink reported that we received a note from Las Placitas Association to vote for their board of directors nominees. The board agreed to decline to vote.

**Placitas Appreciation Day, June 7:** Janice noted that we have participated in the past at this event. Karen Cox moved that we have a table again. Linda Lockett seconded, and the motion passed. Deborah Gullo will notify the Chamber of Commerce on our behalf.

#### **Committee Reports:**

- **Benevolence:** Karen Cox reported that she is setting up a committee meeting in May.
- **Community Service:** Margaret reported that Sue Ortiz' husband has had an extended stay at the VA hospital in Albuquerque, and Sue has asked whether Jardineros would be willing to donate \$300 to purchase dirt and plants for the outdoor sitting area at the hospital. The board agreed that Community Service should first approach local garden centers for plant and dirt donations, which the Plant Whisperers could plant. We would also need to explore maintenance. Alternatively, we could provide artificial plants.

Margaret also noted that she and Tricia Lund are term limited, so replacements are needed as of 2026.

The board agreed that Margaret can post a recycling document on the website.

- Budget: Nancy Evans provided the year-to-date budget versus actual report, and we are within budget.
- Membership: Cindy Bourne reported that we have 178 members, compared with 167 last year at this time. She also reported that the Spring Fling, which the Plant Whisperers interest group helped to sponsor, brought in \$1,328.50 this year to benefit the library. She also provided a plan to encourage Jardineros members grow plants for next year's Spring Fling, with assistance from Plant Whisperers, which the board approved.

The board discussed interest group guidelines developed by Linda Hughes. Deborah Gullo will add interest group waiting lists to the website, and Cindy will add language to the guidelines requesting that group chairs periodically review the website information for any errors and updates. Cindy will send the final guidelines to the interest group chairs for review. Deborah will post the guidelines on the website.

- Refreshments: Janice reported that Pat Sporn has offered extra paper plates, and other paper products.
- Yearbook: Cindy Bourne reported that Microsoft Publisher is going away, but for this year, she needs to translate last year's yearbook into Microsoft Publisher. Deborah Gullo will assist.
- Website: Deborah Gullo noted that our nearly 10-year old website needs a major upgrade and doesn't work well on a smartphone. She plans to work on this during the summer.

**Date and Time for Next Board Meeting:** July 24, 10 am, at the Placitas Community Library

**Adjournment:** The meeting was adjourned at 12:03 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Jean Roberts, Recording Secretary

## **JARDINEROS de PLACITAS**

### **BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING MINUTES**

**January 23, 2025**

**Call to order:** President Janice Grann called the meeting to order at 10:04 am.

**Present:** Janice Grann, Linda Lockett, Cheryl Betterly, Cindy Bourne, Karen Cox, Nancy Evans, Lisa Fink, Linda Lockett, Trisha Lund, Jackie Pedersen, Jean Roberts, Jayne Schultz, and Linda Hughes.

**Absent:** Deborah Gullo, Sharon Arthur, Cathryne Richards.

**2025 Budget:** Nancy Evans presented a draft budget for board consideration. Changes in the budget were discussed. Karen Cox moved that we accept the budget and send to the membership for a final vote. Cheryl seconded the motion. The motion passed.

**Placitas Studio Tour and Placitas Garden Tour ads:** Janice noted that, given the deadline of February 15 for the Placitas Studio Tour brochure ads, she asked the board officers whether the ads for both brochures should run only for the 60<sup>th</sup> anniversary or as part of an ongoing effort to spread the word about Jardineros. The officers voted that the ad should be part of an ongoing effort. The Placitas Studio Tour ad will cost \$250, which is a discounted rate because we're a non-profit. The Placitas Garden Tour ad will cost \$87.50, also a discounted rate. Cindy Bourne presented ad designs; after discussion, Linda Lockett and Jean Roberts will work with Allen and Cindy Bourne on revised wording.

**Benevolence Committee:** Karen Cox reported that she contacted Pat Sporn to see if she needs anything after her husband passed away. Karen also plans to send an email to encourage volunteers for the committee. Janice noted that last year's membership survey has ideas to consider for the 2025 donations..

**Community Service Collection for February:** Tricia Lund reported that the committee collected \$8,876 in donations from the membership during 2024. The committee now has 35 members. At the February meeting, Jacque Moise is scheduled to speak about Placitas Wild, the donation recipient for that month. The committee is considering a trash pickup event in 2026 on Earth Day at one of the trailheads off of Hwy 165.

**Constitution and Bylaws:** Janice noted that the vote on the bylaw changes ends tomorrow. So far, 66 members support the changes, and one has abstained.

**60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary:** Cheryl Betterly will provide updates on the 60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary events at every monthly meeting this year. Karen Cox reported on plans for the Book Club Tea Party, the event for February. Linda Hughes noted that the new member social in January was highly successful.

**Membership and Interest Groups:** Cindy Bourne reported that we started with 173 members this year, compared with 157 last year. She provided a complete report via email and presented a revised membership form, which the board discussed.

- **Plant Whisperers:** As the new chair of Plant Whisperers, Cindy noted that no one had volunteered for garden visits and other activities for 2025. So, she is looking at holding quarterly events. The board agreed that she could ask for volunteers from the general membership via email. The board also agreed that money earned from the Holiday Market in the fourth quarter would be donated to Jardineros as unrestricted funds, with a possible vote on how to spend it by the membership.
- **Interest Groups:** Linda Hughes reported that we now have 18 interest groups. We still need a chair for Backyard Birders. New member Dawn Evanoff plans to start a new book club, which could draw from some of the waiting lists for the other book clubs. Linda also provided new interest group guidelines, which the board discussed. Cindy and Linda will revise the guidelines based on the board's suggestion. The board will vote on the revised guidelines at the next board meeting.

**Refreshments:** Jackie Pedersen suggested having the interest groups provide refreshments. The board discussed the idea, and suggested that interest groups do every other month, while volunteers and new members handle the other months.

**Yearbook:** Cindy noted that new member Camille Victour will serve as the graphic designer for the next yearbook, and they will put together a committee.

**Program:** Cheryl Betterly reported that one of our monthly speakers has asked whether he could post news of his presentation on social media. The board agreed that we should decline because the programs are only for Jardineros members and their guests, we have limited seating, and we would be setting a precedent.

**Website:** Janice noted that we need Deborah to be present for a discussion of adding an online payment capability to our website, so discussion is delayed until the next meeting.

**PACE Request:** Janice reported that Jud Fink, who runs the PACE program, has requested that Jardineros provide the upcoming schedule to our membership. The board agreed.

**Nominating Committee:** Janice reported that we need to solicit members for the committee and choose a chair. Cheryl volunteered to go through the Yearbook to find possible candidates to serve on the committee, and Janice asked the board to help identify potential members.

**Other Business:** Jayne Schultz mentioned ideas she is considering for Trippers, and she intends to set up a planning meeting.

**Adjournment:** The meeting was adjourned at 12:10 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Jean Roberts, Recording Secretary