



CALIFORNIA GARDEN CLUBS, INC.

Saturday, September 15, 2007

Fall Board Meeting

Long Beach Marriott, Long Beach, CA

President: Robin Pokorski

Hosts: Costa Verde District

Amenities and Protocol Chairman Marjorie Johnson introduced President Robin Pokorski.

President Pokorski called the meeting to order at 9:05 A.M.

The Pledge of Allegiance was let by Nancy Lee Loesch

The Inspiration was given by Joan Blankenship

President Pokorski introduced the Executive Committee seated at the head table; former CGCI Presidents Robert Gordon, Beverly Brune, JoAnn Gould and Mary Lou Goodwin; Pages DeeDee Speer and Beverly Bodkin and the Timekeeper Martha Ann Walter.

Recording Secretary Jane McKee called the roll and a quorum was established.

Excused: Catherine Accardi, Jolene Adams, Virginia Bennetts, Glenn Burroughs, Al Claves, Harry Dedini, Nellie Dewey, Mary Francis, Judy Laird, Sandi Lord, Victoria Lucido, Joyce & Bob Marlin, Dorothy Peterson, Judy Picinini, Lydia & Roy Reibel, Hoberley & Robert Schuler, Mary Tebo, Jerry Thirloway, Sharon Thorne, Elisabeth Tufo, LouAnn Unger, Gail Vanderhorst, Carolyn Villi, and Carlotta Wixon.

President Pokorski announced that the Rules of Order for Board Meetings were accepted at the Organizational Meeting in June and would be in effect for the entire term.

Diane Charbonneau announced changes to the program for the Fall Board Meeting:

Friday, September 4, 2007, meeting room changes: District Directors - Salon D, Budget & Finance – Salon D, Bylaws Committee – Garden Terrace Café, Conservation Committee – Salon B. She moved to approve the program as amended. **PASSED**

Carol Sexton, Registration Chairman reported that there were 100 registered attendees.

Maryanne Lucas moved to approve the Minutes of 2007 Post Convention Meeting in Bakersfield as distributed. **PASSED**

Carol Sexton moved to approve the Minutes of the 2007 Organizational Meeting in Bakersfield as distributed. **PASSED**

The review committee of the Fall Board Meeting minutes is Julie West, Annette Craver and LaVerne Harms.

Financial Reports:

Treasurer, Ed Dempsey, presented the financial report. **Attachment A**

Correspondence:

Corresponding Secretary, Pat Claves, read a letter from Conejo Valley Botanic Garden thanking CGCI for the \$200 donation to the President's Project.

Presidential Awards:

President Pokorski introduced the first group of Presidential Winners: Gayle Davis, Lynne Hansen, Ruth Angevine, Mary Lou Goodwin, Wilma Parker and Carol Sexton.

Executive Committee Recommendations/Ratifications:

Recording Secretary, Jane McKee, read the following Recommendations from the Executive Committee:

Ratifications:

1. To ratify Rita Desilets as Permanent Files Co-Chairman. **PASSED**
2. To ratify Arboretum co-District Directors – Helen Miller and Emily Wisneski. **PASSED**
3. To pay \$945.00 for merchandise purchased by State Pins & Misc Sales Chairman and sold at Convention 2007, monies to come from General Fund. **PASSED**
4. To pay \$200.00 for 100 Inspiration and 100 Installation books to be sold through State Pins & Misc Sales Chairman, monies to come from General Fund. **PASSED**
5. To approve purchase of 125 pairs of flexible plastic license plate frames to be sold through State Pins & Misc Sales Chairman. Cost not to exceed \$500.00, monies to come from General Fund. **PASSED**
6. To approve Fall Board 2007 registration fee of \$25.00 and late registration fee of \$45.00. **PASSED**
7. To approve package plan including discounted registration fee for Fall Board 2007. **PASSED**
8. To approve the purchase of three (3) full color banners to include CGCI logo and full name. Cost not to exceed \$250.00, monies to come from General Fund. **PASSED**

Recommendations:

9. To pay \$43.22 for engraving Jubilee Door Decorating Contest winner's plaque, monies to come from Jubilee fund. **PASSED**
10. To pay \$243.40 for merchandise purchased by State Pins & Misc Sales Chairman, monies to come from General Fund. **PASSED**
11. To approve Winter Board Meeting 2008 registration fee of \$25.00 and late registration fee of \$45.00. **PASSED**
12. To approve \$2000.00 of matching funds for NGC/Principal Financial Group Grant application for state project. The proposal is to add native plant landscaping around new or existing Blue Star markers in California. Monies to come from Honor Book Fund. **PASSED**
13. To combine the restricted funds of the Youth Conference Fund (\$1172.66), Jr Gardeners (\$371.32) and Youth Gardener Grants (\$900.00) into one fund renamed Youth Fund (\$2443.98). **PASSED**
14. To approve distribution of \$1652.85 remaining in the Jubilee Grant Program to the Wildflower Fund. **PASSED**
15. To approve distribution of \$256.28 remaining in Magazine File Box funds to General Fund. **PASSED**
16. To approve distribution of \$2500.00 remaining in Permanent Files fund into General Fund. **PASSED**
17. To approve that \$55.00 remaining in Habitat for Humanity Funds be sent to Habitat for Humanity.
-JoAnn Gould moved to amend recommendation to read: To approve that \$55.00 remaining in Habitat for Humanity Funds be sent to the National Headquarters of Habitat for Humanity. **PASSED**
18. To publish a CGCI 75 year History book. **PASSED**
19. To change Permanent Files location in Standing Rule #100 to 8316 Sparton Avenue, Van Nuys, CA 91402.
-Mary Jo Noth, Chairman Bylaws Committee moved to delete specific address from the Standing Rule. **SR100 to read:** Permanent files containing books and records of CGCI shall be under the supervision and control of the president and permanent files chairman. No materials may be borrowed from files without consent and filing of a receipt there for with permanent files chairman. **PASSED**

20. To approve purchase of commercial service to add zip code search on website linked to those clubs open to new members. Cost not to exceed \$150 per year, monies to come from General Fund.
- Rosa Radicchi moved to insert "for the period 2007-2009". Amended motion to read:
To approve purchase of commercial service to add zip code search on website linked to those clubs open to new members for the period 2007-2009. Cost not to exceed \$150 per year, monies to come from General Fund. **PASSED**
21. That State Pins & Misc Sales Chairman be authorized to purchase merchandise up to 50% of this Chairman's gross annual sales without Board approval.
- George Perko moved to approve the following substitute motion:
That State Pins & Misc Sales Chairman be authorized to purchase merchandise up to 50% of the previous year's gross annual sales. This shall be a budgeted expense.
PASSED

Officers Reports:

- **Parliamentarian:** No report
- **Golden Gardens editor:** Diane Charbonneau reminded members that the deadline for the December/January issue is October 15, 2007 and to submit articles on any relevant subject.
- **Treasurer:** No further report
- **Financial Secretary:** Joelle Holford reported that written procedures for payment or reimbursement are now available and copies of this document, the request for payment form and cash receipt form were distributed to District Directors and Chairmen.
- **Corresponding Secretary:** Pat Clayes reported that thank you letters were sent to Wal-Mart Stores, Inc., Emerisa Gardens and Merrill's Poultry Compost regarding donations. A list of club presidents and district directors was sent to NGC on August 1. Only 21 board members (out of 145) do not have email and CGCI saved money by sending the majority of The Call electronically. The Call to Winter Board will be handled in the same manner.
- **Recording Secretary:** Jane McKee
 - moved to ratify the following CGCI Calendar items:
 1. Flower Show School, Course I-IV, Encinitas, Sponsor: Palomar District, Co-chairmen: Sandi Lord & Laura Crenshaw
Course I - August 21-23, 2008
Course II - February 19-21, 2009
Course III - August 20-22, 2009
Course IV - February 18-20, 2010 **PASSED**
 2. Chairman CGCI Fall Board 2009 – Jane Berger **PASSED**
 - Reminded members to notify Yearbook editor, 3rd Vice President/Membership, Corresponding Secretary and Recording Secretary of changes to e-mail addresses.
- **3rd Vice President:** George Speer announced a goal to increase CGCI membership to 40,000 by the year 2013. He also noted that approximately 50% of clubs have not yet paid their dues for 2007-08. Clubs that do not pay will lose eligibility for CGCI liability insurance and for the 501(c)(3) group exemption.
- **2nd Vice President:** Julie West presented the following reports:
 - **Policy Committee:** Members - Jane McKee, Pat Clayes, George Speer and Greg Pokorski. The committee will create policy for the CGCI website and topics under discussion are linking to other websites, calendar guidelines, establishing a Member's Only section.

- **Participating Sponsor program:** During the past year 300 letters were mailed resulting in 48 businesses for the sponsor list. A web site Calendar for Nursery & Garden Center Events is in the works. New referrals are welcome.
- **Publicity:** A publicity guide was distributed to all District Directors and can be downloaded from the CGCI website.
- **Strategic Planning Committee:** Members - Dwight Holford, Art Loesch, Nancy Lee Loesch, Shane Looper, Linda Riddle, Judi Picinini and George Speer. Will investigate options to reorganize CGCI conventions and board meetings with a goal of profit for the host district /club and CGCI and to be interesting and relevant to our members.
- Presented a worn flag to President Pokorski from former Humboldt District Director, Shirley Walker who read article in *Golden Gardens* requesting old flags be brought to Fall Board for proper retirement ceremony.
- **1st Vice President:** Maryanne Lucas reported on the CGCI 501c3 Group Exemption.
 - More than 70 clubs have qualified for the group exemption
 - Revenue from the program is \$2245 and expenses are \$500
 - Moved to ratify the following clubs for exemption:
 - River Valley Garden Club (Sacramento River Valley District)
 - Folsom Garden Club (Sacramento River Valley District)
 - Desert Rose Garden Club Of California City (Desert Empire)
 - Gates Cactus & Succulent Society (Palms To Pines District) PASSED
- **President:** Robin Pokorski thanked all clubs and districts for their hospitality during recent visits and listed the following accomplishments to date:
 - the first full-color yearbook, presented in a 3-ring binder for easy page additions and replacement distributed immediately following Convention 2007.
 - a District Director Training Workshop following the Organizational Meeting.
 - the Permanent Files have been moved and secured in Van Nuys.
 - the first Parliamentary Workshop with nearly 40 participants.
 - this term's first Tri-Refresher in conjunction with the Post Fall Board Meeting Tour.
 - a water conference is in the planning stages.
 - there are two Flower Show Schools starting this term in Modesto and Encinitas.
 - a Landscape Design Study Program is starting in Temecula
 - a Gardening Study School is starting in Orange County.
- **Committee Reports:**
 - **Advisory Council:** No report
 - **Board of Trustees:** No report
 - **Tours:** Bob Gordon provided information on the European tour planned for July 2008 and post-Pacific Region convention tour in April 2008. Interested participants must submit a \$200 deposit by October 31, 2007 to be included.

President Pokorski recessed the meeting at 11:45 A.M. for lunch.

President Pokorski reconvened the meeting at 2:00 P.M.

- **Jubilee Committee:** A letter from President George W. Bush congratulating CGCI on its 75th anniversary was read and presented to President Pokorski. A flag flown over the capitol of the U.S. commemorating CGCI's 75th anniversary was presented to CGCI. Bob Gordon moved that the flag become property of CGCI and be used at all state functions. **PASSED.**

- **Budget & Finance:** George Perko announced new IRS procedures for reporting by clubs with 501(c) (3) designations. Clubs will be receiving postcards that must be completed and returned to the IRS. Failure to submit the information requested could result in loss of the exemption. In addition, the committee proposes simplifying the existing financial categories by combining several, renaming and/or deleting others.
- **Bylaws:** Mary Jo Noth
 - reported that the committee is reviewing the current CGCI Bylaws and Standing Rules and will recommend any changes at Winter Board, 2008. All officers, District Directors, Chairmen and committee members are encouraged to review the material and make suggestions for changes by November 1, 2007.
 - moved to approve the following changes to Standing Rules:
 1. **Standing Rule 2: Palms to Pines** [Now reads] Western San Bernardino and Riverside Counties; to northern and eastern boundaries of San Bernardino National Forest area, excluding Temecula Valley Garden Club and including The Palms Garden Club.

Insert "western" in first phrase

Strike final phrase "and including The Palms Garden Club"

To read: Western San Bernardino and western Riverside Counties; to northern and eastern boundaries of San Bernardino National Forest area, excluding Temecula Valley Garden Club.

PASSED

2. **Standing Rule 2: Roadrunner** [Now reads] Eastern San Bernardino and Riverside Counties, east from Interstate 15, and San Bernardino National Forest area; north to Interstate 15 and Interstate 40 excluding Barstow. Also excluding The Palms Garden Club.

Insert "eastern" in first phrase

Strike final sentence "Also excluding The Palms Garden Club."

To read: Eastern San Bernardino and eastern Riverside Counties, east from Interstate 15, and San Bernardino National Forest area; north to Interstate 15 and Interstate 40 excluding Barstow. **PASSED**

3. **Standing Rule 74: section (2)** [Correction already made in Yearbook, but previously read] An associate plant society shall (1) be a member of a permanent statewide or national plant society, (2) be entitled to representation at annual meeting by their president or alternate, (3) pay annual dues according to Article IV, Sec. 3(a), (4) not belong to a district, and (5) be eligible for liability insurance.

Insert "and delegates as specified in Article XI, Section 5."

To read: An associate plant society shall (1) be a member of a permanent statewide or national plant society, (2) be entitled to representation at annual meeting by their president or alternate, and delegates as specified in Article XI, Section 5. (3) pay annual dues according to Article IV, Sec. 3(a), (4) not belong to a district, and (5) be eligible for liability insurance.

PASSED

- **Convention 2007, Bakersfield:** Gloria Aminian reported that a total of 330 members and guests attended the convention and thanked all who participated. The net profit was \$1073.95.
- **Exploratory Communications Director Committee:** Maryanne Lucas provided a review of the difficulties of communications in the 21st century and the need for CGCI to move quickly to create the position of "communications director." A defined position should be in place by the time the nominating committee begins its interview process.
- **Nominating:** President Pokorski announced that the committee will ask for updated personnel files at Winter Board 2008.

President Pokorski recessed the meeting at 4:00 P.M.

President Pokorski reconvened the meeting Sunday, September 16, 8:30 A.M.

- **Chairman Coordinator**, Greg Pokorski, introduced the Chairmen's reports.
Attachment B

Announcements:

George Speer announced that the CGCI banner was available to clubs or districts with their name imprinted. Banners are 6'x2', the cost is \$75.00 and orders received at this Board meeting could be available for pickup at Winter Board 2008. Directions for constructing a stand to hold the banner are available. He also offered the official CGCI nametag (white with green lettering) at \$15.00 plus \$2.50 postage.

Corresponding Secretary, Pat Clayes, read a Courtesy Resolution and moved to adopt.

PASSED. Attachment C

President Robin Pokorski adjourned the meeting at 10:40 A.M.

Submitted

Jane McKee
CGCI Recording Secretary

2007 Fall Board Meeting
Attachment A

CGCI Financial Statement as of 9/12/07

ASSETS-Cash & Bank Accounts

CD #1	103,544.59	
CD #2	89,840.08	
Cash-Checking	49,215.36	
TOTAL		242,600.03

ASSETS-Other

Golden Gardens Account	21,857.04	
Prepaid Deposits-Hotels & Meetings	1,000.00	
TOTAL		22,857.04

TOTAL ASSETS **265,457.07**

Restricted Funds

Awards	6,543.96	
Blue Star Memorial	1,994.66	
CGCI Jubilee Grant Program	1,652.85	
CGCI Magazine File Boxes	256.28	
CGCI Scholarship Fund	59,160.89	
Donor Christy Fitz Mem. Fund	1,410.01	
Donor Copeland Fund	12,015.04	
Donor Eleanor Miller Fund	4,500.00	
Donor Helen Minor Mem. Flower School	5,213.65	
Donor Wil J. Tebo Scholarship	1,400.45	
Educational Schools Fund	7,825.00	
Gardening Consultants Council	780.65	
Gardening Study	2,211.26	
Habitat for Humanity	55.00	
Honor Book	9,516.36	
Junior Gardeners	371.32	
Landscape Design Council	2,338.82	
Landscape Design School	4,212.19	
Liability Insurance	35,503.95	
Permanent Files	2,500.00	
Reforestation Fund	400.00	
Symposium Reserve	12,137.62	
Wildflower Conference	6,179.22	
Youth Conference Fund	1,172.66	
Youth Gardener Grant	900.00	

TOTAL RESTRICTED FUNDS **180,251.84**

Total Assets less Restricted Funds **85,205.23**

Funds available for operation: \$85,205.23-\$22,857.04 **\$62,348.19**

CCGI Committee Chairmen Reports

Chairman Coordinator: Presented information to District Directors about CCGI Chairmen's roles at their training session Convention 2007. A Newsletter was sent to all chairmen prior to the Fall Board Meeting and Chairmen's Forum held at Fall Board focusing on orientation to the new term. These meetings (at each Board Meeting and Convention) are open to all. This Chairman's role is to serve as liaison between chairmen and the Executive Committee and District Directors, provide direction & information to chairmen, and answer questions on what chairmen do and how they may assist District Directors, clubs and others.

Amenities/Protocol: No report

Arbor Day: Information on Arbor Day was distributed to all district directors and clubs are encouraged to participate in the annual celebration by planting trees in their communities.

Arboreta/Botanic/Gardens of California: No report

Associate Plant Societies: Three certificates were sent to APS groups that increased membership in 2006-07 and two societies requested the CCGI yearbook.

Awards: The G-2 Yearbook awards will offer a "best of section" award – only the blue ribbon recipients will be considered for the section rosette.

Awards Finances: 41 awards are funded for 2007, 5 sponsors will receive reminder notices and 4 new sponsors volunteered to take over funding 4 youth awards.

Blue Star Memorials: A free "Procedures for Ordering" booklet is available to CCGI members. Blue Star pins are available for \$5.00. CCGI approved funding to submit an application for matching funds from NGC and Principal Financial Group. If received the grant would be used to landscape existing or new markers with native plants.

Conservation Team

Butterflies: The first phase of the butterfly garden is complete and includes over 75 native plants and a small storage building that will also be used as a display area. The chairman has sold and given away hundreds of Asclepius seeds and plants that are the host plant for Monarchs. Phase 2 solicitations will go out soon.

CA Native Plants: 25% of America's native plant species are in decline or at risk of extinction and it is important to promote and encourage the use of natives in the landscape.

Composting: Members were reminded that leaves and garden debris are excellent for the compost pile.

Insects: Chairman is available to provide information or answer questions on insects.

Recycling: Recycling takes many forms including donating clothes, toys, books and household items to others. Freecycle is available in many communities and information can be found on the internet at www.freecycle.org.

Vermiculture: No report

Water: With the potential water shortage in our region it is important to learn what can be done to conserve in the house, the yard and the community.

Wildflowers: No report

Conventions/Board Meetings:

Winter Board 2008: Will be held in Redding, January 17-19.

Convention 2008: The convention will be in Woodland Hills, June 5-9, 2008 and the theme is "Gardening – A Global Link". Featured countries will be England, Italy, France, Mexico, China and Japan.

District Director-Mailbox: Chairmen will attempt to forward all information to directors unable to attend a meeting.

Educational Encounters: No report

Endangered Species: The chairman requested copies of any articles on current endangered species.

FAST: The San Francisco Flower and Garden Show will be March 12-16, 2008.

Flower Show

Awards: Ten flower shows have been completed and three are registered for fall 2007. New NGC forms are available and all clubs are encouraged to stage a show. Shows must be registered in order for judges to receive credit.

Schedules: Draft schedules may be sent to the chairman for review prior to printing to ensure that it conforms with the 2007 Flower Show Handbook.

**2007 Fall Board Meeting
Attachment C**

COURTESY RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, The members of California Garden Clubs, Inc., attending the 2007 Fall Board Meeting at Long Beach, California, September 14 through September 16, 2007, have benefited from information learned at the Board Meeting and will disseminate said information to their districts, clubs, associate plant societies and affiliates; and

WHEREAS, California Garden Clubs, Inc. President, Robin Pokorski, the officers, chairmen and members have served this organization with distinction.

NOW, THEREFORE, be it

RESOLVED, That California Garden Clubs, Inc. President Robin Pokorski, through her gracious presiding; the members, chairmen and officers, through their dedicated concern in the deliberations of this Fall Board Meeting, be commended for their spirit of cooperation; and

RESOLVED, That sincere thanks be given to Diane Charbonneau, Chairman of the 2007 Fall Board Meeting and Judy Unrine, Director of the Host District, Costa Verde District, and all of the members of Costa Verde District who have planned and participated in the success of the 2007 Fall Board Meeting and assured the success by their many courtesies extended;

RESOLVED, That all of the workshop leaders, program presenters, speakers Robert Papp and Jacquie Eisenhut be extended our appreciation for contributions which will be long remembered; and

RESOLVED, That appreciation be extended to Mr. Sean Merrill of Merrill's Poultry Compost in Emmett, Idaho for his generous donation of seven cases (126 boxes) of Merrill's Poultry Compost Tea; and

RESOLVED, That appreciation be extended to Emerisa Gardens/The Nursery at Emerisa Gardens of Santa Rosa, California for its generous contribution of \$460 which underwrote the printing expense of California Garden Clubs, Inc.'s 2007-2008 membership cards.

RESOLVED, That appreciation be extended to Wal-Mart Stores, Inc. for its generous contribution in the amount of \$500 which helped defray the cost of printing California Garden Clubs, Inc.'s 2007-2008 *Yearbook, Manual and Roster*; and

RESOLVED, That this resolution be incorporated in the minutes and that copies be sent to those mentioned above.

Resolutions Chairman

Adopted by California Garden Clubs, Inc.

Date: September 16, 2007

Judges Credentials: All judges whose credentials expire in 2007 have been contacted and respondents have either been approved for the symposium or granted an extension. Judges Councils are strongly urged to appoint a Credentials Chair. Judges Council Chairs are requested to review the 2007-09 Judges Council Yearbook and advise this chairman of changes or corrections. The goal is to maintain the Judges' records electronically.

Judges Council: No report

Symposia: The symposium will be held Oct. 22-24, 2007 in Palm Springs. Instructors will be Peggy Nuse, FL and Carolyn Hawkins, GA. Four new Handbook designs and two succulent families, Crassulas and Euphorbias will be featured. The 2008 Symposium will be held at the San Mateo Marriott Hotel, July 24-26. Julia Clevett, design instructor, Dottie Howatt, horticulture.

Garden Therapy: The co-chairmen would like to refocus the therapy program to projects that help everyone to relieve stress and challenge one's creative self.

Golden Gardens

Angels: The chairman reminded all that donations in the amount of \$25 support the publication.

Circulation: The number of individual subscriptions has increased but there are still problems in receiving payments in a timely fashion.

Season's Greetings: The deadline is October 15, 2007.

Dateline: Deadlines are October 15, December 15 and February 15. Information must be submitted directly to Golden Gardens Dateline Editor as it is no longer being taken from the CGCI website.

Honor Books: Donations in any amount are accepted for either the Gold Honor Book or the Copeland Honor Book and forms may be obtained from the chairman.

Horticulture Team

Horticulture: The team goal is to provide information on specific topics connected to a central theme. The Fall 2007 theme is "Herbs and Seasonings" and members should be aware of agricultural regulations and quarantine considerations related to various plants and pests.

Container Gardening: No report

Fruits/Nuts: No report

Herbs: The featured plants were Lemon Balm, Lavender and Bay Laurel.

New Cultivars: Information was presented on Buddleia and Basil.

Roses: Members were reminded that roses can be used in cooking.

Trees: Examples of herbs that come from trees are Cinnamon, Clove and Nutmeg.

Forms for the CGCI tree report were distributed and the chairman suggested that the Awards committee solicit a sponsor for an award to the club and district planting the most trees in a year.

Vegetables: Clubs or districts wishing to participate in the Pacific Region Director's project, "Cultivate Heirloom Seeds" may send their information to this chairman. Two "Veggie News" newsletters have been disseminated.

Weeds: Information was presented on edibles.

Insurance: New forms will be distributed this year (available on the CGCI website) and clubs are reminded to include the number of paid members. The chairman requested that clubs not send payments early.

Legislation: A network is being developed, including California Chamber of Commerce, California Farm Bureau, California Association of Nurseries and Garden Centers and elected representatives in Sacramento and Washing, DC to bring information on issues important to CGCI. Also a periodic newsletter will be made available to all CGCI members.

Life Membership: No report

National Garden Week: No report

NGC-Member Services: NGC materials that are free to members will be available at each board meeting and convention.

NGC-Principal Grants: The deadline for the new round of grants is November 15, 2007 and submissions received by the CGCI chairman after that date cannot be forwarded to NGC.

Operation Wildflower: The 2007 Wildflower Conference had a net profit of \$1720.56. The next conference is tentatively scheduled for spring of 2009.

Penny Pines: The program that started in California is now open nationwide and plantations may be purchased either in honor or in memory of someone. Note cards that can be sent to donors or honorees can be obtained from the chairman. Clubs are reminded to send funds directly to the U.S. Forest Service, office/forest designated.

Permanent Files: The files are in process of being moved to a new location in Van Nuys in a climate controlled environment.

Photographer: The chairman requested copies of photos of CGCI or club events that will be used to showcase CGCI.

President's Project: The dedication of the Trail of Trees was held this summer and President Pokorski has been invited to a meeting with the Principal Financial Group to discuss how they might become involved with the project. To date \$1330.00 has been donated and a member of Conejo Valley Botanic Garden will match all donations through March 31, 2008.

Procedure Books: Each chairman is asked to review the Procedure Books on the website and submit any changes or updates to the chairman.

Reforestation: Donations to date total \$600 and the chairman is investigating appropriate projects.

Roommate Coordinator: The program continues to be successful and anyone in need of a roommate for a board meeting or convention should contact the chairman.

Schools/Councils

Finance Chairman: Budgets should be sent to this chairman for any educational school.

Environmental Studies School: The next course will be November 3-4, 2007 in San Mateo.

Environmental Consultants Council: No report

Gardening Study Schools: Course IV, Series 19 will take place in October in Santa Rosa. See information on web site and in *Golden Gardens*; the Post-Fall Board Meeting Tour registered as a Tri-Refresher; Cascade and Orange County Districts are considering sponsoring a school. Gardening Consultants should contact this chairman for information about their GSS records. Anyone interested in sponsoring a GSS should contact this chairman.

Gardening Consultants Council: There are 41 paid members.

Landscape Design Study Program: A new LDS program will begin in October 2007 and has 38 students registered to date. A request has been submitted to NGC to hold LDS courses 1 and 2 on consecutive days in March 2008. Consultants needing refresher credits in 2008 will be notified soon. Beverly Brune, Patricia Espenshade and Suzanne Loos have been granted Master Consultant Status and Edris Edgar, Mary Hall and Mildred Otto have been granted Emeriti Status.

Landscape Design Council: Newsletter sent to 125 consultants. Several Landscape Design Certificates have been awarded to date and the Council has set a goal of 24 awards for the coming term.

Sales: The chairman offers pins and other garden club merchandise for sale at all board meetings and conventions.

Sempervirens Fund: Copies of the Sempervirens newsletter "Mountain Echo" will be distributed to encourage donations in support of Grove #10.

Stationery: Stationery for official use is available from this chairman.

Website: Articles or information may be submitted to the webmaster for posting.

Workshops: The Parliamentary Workshop will be held again at Winter Board 2008. Forty members attended the session at Fall Board 2007.

Yearbook, Manual & Roster: 536 yearbooks have been distributed to date and the deadline for updates is December 1, 2007. Corrections and updates will be available at Winter Board 2008. Cost of mailing yearbooks has increased to \$8.95 per book. Yearbooks are available for sale at \$10.00 each.

Youth Activities Team: The team is co-sponsoring an award for a Junior Flower Show or a Junior Table Setting Show and is activating a certificate program and developing a "welcome" letter for new youth garden club groups.

Smokey Bear Poster Contest: Contest packets have been distributed and the deadline for posters is January 15, 2008.