Patio Planters Board meeting

April 15, 2025

Joey called the meeting to order at 5:11 PM.

All board members were in attendance.

Minutes – Stephen was first and Kirk second to move to dispense with minutes. All were in favor.

Finance - Jared reported that our income was $21,749.83; the expenses were $6035.90; the net income was $15,713.93. Jared was first and Kirk was second to move to accept the report. All in favor. Joey will transfer $25,000 to the interest-bearing account. All were in favor.

Secret Garden Tour – Stephen reported that the Secret Garden Tour was good even though we only sold about half the tickets that we usually do. Sales were a positive amount of about $7500. Malik interviewed two Patio Planters tour members, which will be good for publicity in the future. Joey will go on the Malik television show for Christmas. We sold $6641 online. Kirk gave a rough estimate of about $8000 without expenses. Kirk was surprised that the volunteer docents thanked us for letting them volunteer.  We need to recruit members to be on committees.

Holiday Home Tour – Stephen pointed out that we need to start planning for the Christmas tours. We need about five or six houses plus a hub house. Homeowners need to be thanked publicly at Caroling in Jackson Square. A QR code for membership needs to be posted at the gates at Caroling in Jackson Square. The Holiday Home Tour needs to be marketed to garden clubs and travel agents.

Membership - Kirk reported that we have 513 members and two members that were deleted have rejoined.

Micah suggested having a shrimp boil for the Eighth district on his block. Joey will try to get the shrimp donated by Billy Nungesser and Kitsy will volunteer to boil the shrimp.

Happy Hour – it has been difficult for Sandra to set up a Happy Hour for this month because the bars do not really need our business. They suggest coming back in the summer. Sandra suggested using the boil for the Happy Hour and host it on April 30 from 6 to 8 PM . Plates could be sold to our members for $10. All were in favor.

Adopt-a-cop - Kitsy requested that we adopt a cop for $200. All were in favor.

Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

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Patio Planters Board Member  and Secretary