

## November Minutes

The November meeting was held in the beautiful home of Sandy and Jan Miller. It was beautifully decorated in fall colors, and we enjoyed a delicious assortment of treats during our break. Many thanks to Sandy for hosting the meeting.

Our meeting began with a presentation by Jenny Graffeo, a master gardener, who provided information on the master gardener program. She explained that all information received from the LSU Agriculture Center is research based, and their website can provide a host of information. She then spoke on house plants, and stated that any plant can be considered a house plant, if living indoors. They are most affected by lighting, soil, heat, and water, as well as air flow within the home. The number one reason for a house plant to die is due to over watering, followed by smothering from dust on the leaves. She suggested use of warm water, and close monitoring of a plant's needs as described on the tag provided by place of purchase. She also touched on the need for potting soil, rather than garden soil, when placing a plant indoors. A flier on poinsettias was provided for our use in the upcoming Christmas season.

After our break, Darlene provided new rosters to all members. Thank you, Darlene, for keeping us up to date. She advised all members that new purple shirts are now available for order at Creative Tees on Hwy 59. Several members were decked out in the new shirts, so those who had not already purchased could see the new choices. Jane provided our treasury report, stating that our current balance was \$85.00, with a balance due from HOA of \$889.72, for work completed on the arbor and fall decorations in place at front entrance.

The seasonal committee reported that the fall decorations would remain in place until the week before Thanksgiving. It looks beautiful up there, and this committee gave our residents a reason to smile when coming in and out of the neighborhood. Thanks to all who participated. There was a short discussion of plans for a large Christmas tree near the information board, where all residents would be encouraged to hang an ornament. The garden club would facilitate the placement and provide the lights for the tree.

The green space committee reported that the new swings were in place on the playground, and the rubber mulch has been refurbished. It looks much better.

The landscape committee discussed reduction in water needs for arbor area, with the cooler temperatures upon us, and members volunteered to water three days a week. It is a labor of love for these ladies, and we are all grateful to each and every one of you.

The planning committee has several events scheduled for the weeks ahead. On November 11<sup>th</sup>, we will meet at 9:00 am in front of the subdivision, for a tour of Andy and Judy Leonard's home. The Ven Haus was designed by Frank Lloyd Wright, and is a certified wild life habitat. Those interested will also go to Jane Brown's restaurant for lunch. Sounds awesome! The committee also announced plans for a trip to Le Maison Reve Farm on November 18<sup>th</sup>. Susie explained that this is a quaint bed and breakfast in Folsom, where we will have brunch provided for us. Those interested will meet in front of the subdivision at 9:00am. Cost is \$10.00 per person. Please notify Susie if you are interested in either of

these excursions. A brief reminder was given to all members of the annual fireman's Thanksgiving dinner scheduled for November 21<sup>st</sup>, at 6:30 pm. If you have not already signed up to participate in this awesome event, please call either Claire Hayden or Camille Steen for remaining needs. This is a Civic club event to thank our dedicated fireman for all that they do to protect and provide for our neighborhood needs.

Next on the agenda was the Christmas party, scheduled for December 1st, 6:30 pm, at the home of our president, Kathy Crouchet. Names were drawn for those who are to bring food to this event. Those drawn were: Ceanne Hirstius, Linda Patterson, Jane Griffiths, Kathy Eberhardt, Kathy Hymel, Sandy Stella, Darlene Parlipiano, Linda Rowe, Kathy Lyons, and Juanita Bild. All other members will bring food for our May end of year meeting. We will continue the tradition of exchanging garden related gifts, and all are to bring a gift of \$25.00 value. Fun, fun, fun!

The sunshine committee announced November birthdays for Jane and Janelle, and a belated birthday to our traveling neighbor, Claire, from October. They also announced that they have ten new welcome baskets ready to be delivered to new neighbors in our subdivision. Please encourage and invite them to join in our neighborhood activities.

The front gate committee presented the latest plans for our "Wow" wall, and was given approval to use \$500.00 of our designated Garden Club funds from HOA to have a cad drawing done by Luxury Outdoor Designs, which will ultimately be presented to our home owner's board for possible approval. There was also an announcement that the flag site plans were presented to the Civic Club for possible participation by them in this endeavor. Sandy Miller has already received \$198.00 in donations for this project.

Nancy Arnold spoke to our group re her concerns for much needed maintenance and beautification of hot spring's area in the back of the subdivision. There is a crack that needs repair, and Nancy would like to have the wall painted, and landscape clean-up done. It was agreed that the crack needs to be brought to Robert's attention for professional repair prior to any further work being done.

The meeting was adjourned.