

**JARDINEROS de PLACITAS**  
**REGULAR MEETING MINUTES**

**March 6, 2024**

**Opening Meeting and Program**

President Janice Grann opened the business meeting at 9:33 am. She welcomed members and guests.

Vice President Cheryl Betterly announced the April 3 program, “Wonders of the Sandia Peak Tram,” presented by Jessica Fox. She also noted that today’s program would be the first to use our new upgraded A/V equipment. Cheryl welcomed new program ideas from members.

Dianna Stone introduced today’s speaker, Dr. Mark McCormick from the University of New Mexico. He presented a program on his work on slowing the aging process, entitled “Who Wants To Live Forever?”

**Business Meeting**

After a short break, President Janice Grann opened the business meeting at 11:02 am. She recognized today’s greeters, Susan Brown and Jean Roberts. She also thanked Refreshment Committee members Jane Garland (lead), Karen Croxton, Nancy Evans, Jayne Schultz, Betty Temple, and Tina Thomas.

**Officer and Committee Reports**

Minutes: The minutes for the February meeting were approved.

Treasurer: Nancy Evans reported that, as of the end of February, we had \$11,492.02 in our checking account and \$3,788.06 in our savings account. She also noted that the 2024 budget was approved in the recent vote by the membership.

Community Service: Tricia Lund reported that she has made signs for each monthly collection that will be placed on the greeters table. She also created a sheet to record donations collected at each meeting.

Adopt-A-Highway: Cheryl Betterly announced that the February highway cleanup was rescheduled because of snow. The new date is Saturday, March 9, 9am, mile marker 5.

Trippers: Linda Lockett announced that the next outing will be an April 11 trip to Acoma. A visit to Las Golondrinas is being planned for later in the spring.

Yearbooks: Jayne Schultz confirmed that members are picking up yearbooks at the library.

**Announcements, Happy Dollars, and Birthdays**

Janice wished happy birthday to all members who have birthdays this month.

There were four happy dollar announcements.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:11 am.

Respectfully submitted,

Jean Roberts, Recording Secretary

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**February 7, 2024**

**Opening Meeting and Program**

Vice President Cheryl Betterly opened the business meeting at 9:30 am. She welcomed members and guests and noted that President Janice Grann was absent due to illness.

Cheryl announced a delay in the February Community Service collection for the Placitas Elementary Parent Teachers Organization (PTO) until the PTO can regain its 501(c)(3) status.

She also announced that the March 6 program at the Placitas Presbyterian Church will be, “Who Wants To Live Forever?” by Dr. Mark McCormick. Cheryl welcomed new program ideas and urged members to consider serving on the committee.

Linda Lockett introduced today’s speaker, Laura Paskus, a producer at PBS focusing on environmental issues. She presented “Loving a Changing World—While Still Fighting for Justice.”

**Business Meeting**

After a short break, Vice President Cheryl Betterly opened the business meeting at 10:37 am. She recognized today’s greeters, Pam Criscuolo and Ellen McMahan. She also thanked Refreshment Committee members Jane Garland (lead), Kathy Hays, Nancy Evans, Claudia Moraga, and Jill Kennedy.

Cheryl announced that the Board has decided to move ahead with the purchase of audio-visual equipment, as approved by the membership in the 2023 budget. We plan to have the new equipment for the March meeting.

**Officer and Committee Reports**

Minutes: The minutes of the January meeting were approved. Cheryl noted that the January 25 Board meeting minutes have been posted on the website.

Treasurer: Nancy Evans noted that we were slightly over budget in 2023, but that she has reworked the 2024 budget based on funds available as of the beginning of January rather than on the previous budget. She has also added minor tweaks, such as sharing the cost of a new battery for the church’s AED unit and seed money so that 60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary plans can move forward. The new A/V equipment will come from money reserved in our savings account. Jardineros members will receive an email shortly to vote on the revised budget.

Nancy also reported that the checking account balance as of January 31 was \$13,461.47, and the savings account balance was \$3,788.03.

Membership Committee: Cheryl introduced a new member and noted that yearbooks are now available at the library.

Community Service: Karen Cox announced that the committee plans to send a survey to the membership, seeking ideas for Jardineros donations to additional organizations.

Adopt-A-Highway: Cheryl Betterly reminded the group that the next highway cleanup will be on Saturday, and that she is watching the weather.

Dinner and a Play Group: Co-Chair Ted Heath announced that the group will attend the Vortex Theater production of “The Art of Raising Anything” on Thursday. He welcomed others interested in joining the group.

Trippers: Linda Lockett announced that the next outing will be a visit to the Telephone Museum on March 21.

60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Committee: Cheryl reminded members to contact Cathryne Richards if interested in working on the committee.

### **Announcements, Happy Dollars, and January Birthdays**

Several members announced upcoming programs at the Placitas Community Library, including “The Art of Staying Alive,” by Shannon Farrell, this coming Saturday, and a February 24 program on geology.

The Placitas Facebook page organizers have scheduled happy hours at the Range on the first Tuesday of every month, 4-6 pm.

Cheryl wished happy birthday to all members who have February birthdays.

There were seven happy dollar announcements.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:59 am.

Respectfully submitted,

Jean Roberts, Recording Secretary

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**January 10, 2024**

**Opening Meeting and Program**

President Linda Lockett opened the business meeting at 9:30 am. She welcomed members and guests, and she recognized the Program Committee for their work to set up programs for 2024.

Linda introduced former president Pat Quick, who conducted the installation of officers for 2024: Janice Grann, President; Cheryl Betterly, Vice President; Jean Roberts, Recording Secretary; Sharon Arthur, Corresponding Secretary; and Nancy Evans, Treasurer. After the installation, all new officers assumed their positions.

Vice President Cheryl Betterly announced the February 7 program to be held at the Placitas Presbyterian Church, “Loving a Changing World—While Still Fighting for Justice,” by Laura Paskus, a producer at PBS who focuses on environmental issues. Cheryl also welcomed program ideas and urged members to consider serving on the committee.

Cheryl introduced speaker Charey Fox, an expert on learning to express gratitude at Source Community Healing Oasis, who presented the program, “Practicing Gratitude.” Charey recommended two books on gratitude, “The Magic,” and “40 Days to a Joy-Filled Life.”

**Business Meeting**

After a short break, President Janice Grann opened the business meeting at 10:50 am. She recognized today’s greeters, Joanne Ruhl and Tamara Smith. She also thanked Refreshment Committee members Jane Garland (lead), Lisa Fink, Marilyn Levandoski, Carol Horner, and Nancy Evans.

**Officer and Committee Reports**

Minutes: The minutes of the December meeting were approved.

Treasurer: Janice provided the treasurer’s report on behalf of Nancy Evans for the previous two months. The checking account balance as of November 30 was \$13,197.03, and the savings account balance was \$3,686.97. The checking account balance as of December 31 was \$13,711.08, and the savings account balance was \$3,787.92.

Corresponding Secretary: Sharon Arthur read donation thank you letters from Rebuilding Together Sandoval County, the PAS outreach program for children, Seed2Need, Casa Rosa, and Animal Protection of New Mexico.

Membership Committee: Janice introduced five new Jardineros members.

Community Service: Margaret Bruch reported that Jardineros members provided \$11,000 in Community Service donations in 2023, possibly a record for our organization. The committee will be collecting donations for the Placitas Elementary Parent Teachers Organization.

Yearbooks: Janice noted that 2024 yearbooks are available in the Fellowship Hall today.

Adopt-A-Highway: Cheryl Betterly announced that an email will come out soon with the date for the next highway cleanup.

Dinner and a Play Group: Co-Chair Ted Heath announced that more than 30 people signed up for this new interest group, so he plans to have everyone make their own dinner reservations and purchase their own tickets. He and his co-chair, Judy Labovitz, will provide a list of upcoming plays and nearby restaurants. Ted and Judy will hold an organizational meeting on January 16, 10:30, at the Placitas Library.

Trippers: Kathy Hays and Linda Lockett will hold a planning meeting on January 18, 1:30, at the library. The Trippers will visit the Santa Fe Cooking School on January 24.

### **Announcements, Happy Dollars, and January Birthdays**

Janice announced the dates for 2024 Board of Directors meetings, open to all members: January 25, April 25, July 25, and October 10. Meetings will be held at the Placitas Community Library in the Gracie Lee Room.

Diane Shepard is teaching a conversational Spanish class every Wednesday from 10-noon at the Placitas Community Library. No experience is needed.

Janice wished happy birthday to all members who have January birthdays.

There were twelve happy dollar announcements.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:15 am.

Respectfully submitted,

Jean Roberts, Recording Secretary