

**JARDINEROS DE PLACITAS**  
**SPECIAL BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING**  
**MINUTES of November 6, 2024**

The Board meeting was called to order by President Janice Grann at 11:40 a.m. A quorum of members was present.

The main agenda item for this meeting was to review and vote on proposed Jardineros Bylaws changes. President Janice Grann and Vice President Cheryl Betterly conducted the meeting acting on behalf of the special Board committee who worked to revise and improve the Bylaws.

The proposed Bylaws improvements were sent out a week ago so Board members had a chance to review them in advance of this meeting. The document included text/sections to be deleted and text/sections to be revised or added.

President Grann pointed out the one change that was considered, but not included in the Bylaws revision, related to the practice of having Co-Chairs of some Standing Committees. This practice has evolved informally and can change from year to year. There is no objection to the practice of Co-Chairs within Committees, since it allows for better Committee coverage when needed. However, she explained the Bylaws state only the officially designated Chair of a Committee is allowed to vote.

The Board members discussed if voting rights for both Committee Chairs and Co-Chairs should be allowed and they decided this was not practical, nor fair. Standing Committees each have one vote in the Bylaws from its inception.

The Board discussed the option of allowing Committee Chairs to designate a proxy when they are unable to attend a vote. Presumably this might be the Co-Chair, but could be another Committee member if the Co-Chair is also unavailable to attend a vote. The Board felt the Chair must notify the President in advance if they are unable to attend a vote and the name of the person they appoint as their proxy for that vote, if they choose to appoint a proxy.

Karen Cox moved and Cathryne Richards seconded to approve the revised Bylaws as distributed last week and to include language in the Bylaw revision that allows a

Standing Committee Chair to appoint a proxy for their specific vote, if they are unable to attend that vote. Further, that the Bylaws revision include that the Chair must inform the President in advance of their lack of attendance and name of person who is their proxy for any vote, if a proxy is named. The motion passed unanimously.

Sharon Arthur raised the listing in the yearbook may be confusing since it lists "Officers" separate from "Board of Directors". In fact, upon reviewing the Bylaws, it identifies all Officers and Standing Committee chairs are members of the Board of Directors. She recommended the yearbook list all Officers and Standing Committee chairs simply be listed under the title "Board of Directors" in the program. Board members thought it was a good idea and asked that the yearbook reflect this change.

There was no further discussion of the Bylaws revision proposal. Cheryl Betterly will add the revision allowing for proxies per the passed motion. Then the Bylaws revision will be presented at a future Jardineros meeting and voted on electronically by the membership.

Cheryl Betterly reviewed the plans for the December Holiday Brunch including confirming the menu to be provided by the Board of Directors.

President Grann announced that there are several nominations for the Outstanding Service Award. She will email the secret ballot to the Board of Directors after the meeting and will tabulate the results upon receipt.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:30 PM.

Respectfully submitted,  
Sharon Arthur, Corresponding Secretary

Attending:

Janice Grann	Karen Croxton
Cheryl Betterly	Tricia Lund
Nancy Evans	Margaret Bruch
Sharon Arthur	
Karen Cox	
Cathryne Richards	

**Jardineros de Placitas**  
**Board of Directors Meeting Minutes**  
**October 10, 2024**

**Call to order:** Janice Grann called the meeting to order at 10:02 am.

**Present:** Janice Grann, Cheryl Betterly, Nancy Evans, Jean Roberts, Cathryne Richards, Sharon Arthur, Pam Criscuolo, Margaret Bruch, Tricia Lund, and Karen Croxton.

**Standing Committee Reports**

Community Service: Tricia Lund and Margaret Bruch reported that the committee chose beneficiaries for next year: Placitas Wild, God's Little Angels, Watermelon Mountain Ranch, Haven House, Seed2Need, and Blessings Day. Cheryl Betterly moved that we accept the list, Nancy Evans seconded, and the motion passed.

Tricia and Margaret also requested that the board approve use of the \$300 in their budget to purchase a shredder for Placitas Elementary School. Sharon Arthur moved that we approve the request, Pam Criscuolo seconded, and the motion passed.

Constitution & Bylaws: Cheryl Betterly reviewed bylaws updates recommended by the committee, which the board discussed. The committee also suggested a 10-day window for comments on the changes, followed by a board vote, and a vote by the membership after the first of the year.

History: Cathryne Richards reported that she will send a reminder to interest group chairs requesting photos for the history book.

Membership: On behalf of Cindy Bourne, Janice provided the report. We have 177 members, including 19 new members, and 56 people have paid their 2025 dues so far. A second reminder will be sent this month. Janice also provided an interest group update from Linda Hughes.

Pam Criscuolo reviewed the plans and agenda for the new member social, and she passed around a signup sheet for volunteers.

Programs: Cheryl Betterly reported that all speakers are identified for 2025 programs, and the committee is working on scheduling.

Refreshments: On behalf of Jane Garland, Janice reported that Joana Valentine has volunteered to be committee chair for 2025, but that she would like to have a co-chair.

Yearbook: Jayne Schultz is planning to have the 2025 yearbook to the printer no later than December 15. Cathryne Richards moved that the 60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Committee will meet with Jayne and decide of a yearbook cover, seconded by Cheryl. The motion passed.

## **New Business**

Treasurer Report: Nancy Evans provided a budget to actual update, which showed we are within budget to date. She asked board members for budget requests for 2025 so that she can prepare the new budget.

Nancy also reviewed her procedures in using Wells Fargo Bank, given that she also has a personal account there. The board briefly discussed, but agreed to leave our account there, where we pay no fees for our account.

She also plans to look into an options for members to pay electronically through a service such as Venmo or Paypal. Cheryl volunteered to help Nancy evaluate options, and they will report in January.

Holiday Brunch: Cheryl Betterly reviewed initial plans for the holiday refreshments for the December meeting, and she passed around a signup sheet.

60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Update: Cathryne Richards reviewed all monthly events for the year and initial plans for each. Cathryne moved that we pass a donation basket around to members attending the new member social in January as well as during the next two monthly meetings to help fund the events. Sharon seconded the motion, which passed.

Outstanding Service Nominations: Janice reminded everyone that we need nominations.

November Board Meeting: The board will have a brief meeting after the monthly meeting on November 6.

**Adjourn:** The meeting was adjourned at 11:43 am.

**JARDINEROS DE PLACITAS  
BOARD MEETING MINUTES  
July 25, 2024**

The Board meeting was called to order by President Janice Grann at 10:00 a.m.

The April Board meeting minutes were approved as published on the website.

The following agenda items were addressed:

**1. Benevolence**

Karen Cox reported the survey was implemented and developed useful information from members on benevolence recipients and amounts. The 2024 recommended donations were presented, voted upon and approved by the membership. Checks have been cut and letters will be sent shortly.

Karen expressed appreciation to Barbara Otter for finding and setting up the web-based Meal Train for Kathy and Alan Friedman, who returned from Alan's cancer surgery in the last week. The electronic signup was quickly filled and members are delivering meals for 15 days.

**2. Community Service**

Tricia Lund reported the June collection for Watermelon Mountain Ranch was \$2,336. So far, the two 2024 Community Service collections have totaled \$4,200. The next collection will be for Haven House in August, with Seed2Need following in October. The Haven House speakers have been secured for the August meeting.

Estella Weitz of Haven House requested Jardineros' September assistance in hanging purple ribbons in Placitas to raise awareness of October as Domestic Abuse Month. Community Service will report this request at the August meeting.

The Parent Teachers Organization at Jardineros elementary will be deciding officers shortly and then Community Service can plan for 2025 support. Community Service will follow up on a question as to whether there is a need for a school supplies drive in August or September to support the start of school. A suggestion was made for Jardineros, in recognition of its 60<sup>th</sup> anniversary, to improve the garden at the school, which Jardineros created as one of its first projects. The Plant Whisperers interest group might lead such a project.

### **3. Membership**

Cindy Bourne reported Jardineros has 172 members, which is slightly lower than pre-pandemic total, but shows membership is growing back. Attendance at meetings is following a similar path. The average attendance this year is 52 members, quite higher than the last three years, but a bit below pre-pandemic levels. She and Pam Criscuolo reported a new member social will be held at the library in January.

### **4. 2025 Board members**

Janice Grann reported Jane Garland will not be heading the Refreshment Committee next year and a replacement is needed. Cindy Bourne said some new members indicated interest and will send those names. Janice reiterated that Board members are still looking for members to shadow them to assist in transitions from one year to the next. Karen Croxton, chairman of the Nominating Committee, reporting she is recruiting for the committee and will report next meeting.

### **5. Treasurer's report**

Nancy Evans presented the Treasurer's report, showing Jardineros remains within budget. The Board approved the report.

### **6. Program Committee**

Janice Grann reported for Cheryl Betterly, who could not attend the meeting, that the Program Committee already has 6 of the 11 speakers lined up for 2025.

### **7. Year Books**

Jayne Schultz and Karen Croxton identified the year book work is progressing. There may be more pages in 2025 due to the increase in membership. The back cover will have a list of all the 60<sup>th</sup> anniversary activities, so members can easily reference them throughout the year. The Board discussed the potential of asking Jardineros artists to provide suggestions for the front cover. Pam Criscuolo asked about the left over programs from previous years, which she has at her home. Previously it was identified that a number of these would be provided to the History chair. Pam was asked to do an inventory so the Board can consider the disposition at a later meeting.

### **8. History and Plans for Jardineros 60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary celebration**

Janice Grann described the report from Cathryn Richards, who was unable to attend. Plans for the 60<sup>th</sup> anniversary are well underway. There will be an event each month built around an interest group. Events being considered by month were described and these will be finalized by October. A gala dinner capping the anniversary will be held on December 7, 2025, at the Prairie Star restaurant from 5:30-7:30 pm.

Cathryn also requested Board members make their reports from the front of the room during monthly meetings to be sure photos can be taken for History documentation.

## **9. Bylaws**

Chris Daul and Janice Grann discussed that some aspects of the Jardineros' bylaws are out of date and need revision based on the current practice. A committee was identified to address this issue and recommend revisions. Tentative members are Margaret Bruch, Nancy Evans and Cheryl Betterly, in addition to Chris Daul, Chairman, and Janice Grann, President. It was recommended that past Presidents review the recommendations to add their experience and suggestions.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:00 AM.

Respectfully submitted,  
Sharon Arthur, Corresponding Secretary

### Attending:

Janice Grann  
Nancy Evans  
Sharon Arthur  
Karen Cox  
Cindy Bourne  
Jayne Schultz  
Karen Croxton  
Tricia Lund  
Margaret Bruch  
Pam Criscuolo  
Linda Lockett  
Chris Daul

**JARDINEROS DE PLACITAS  
BOARD MEETING MINUTES  
April 25, 2024**

The Board meeting was called to order by President Janice Grann at 10:00 a.m. The following agenda items were addressed:

**1. Benevolence survey**

Karen Cox presented a draft of a members survey concerning benevolence donations for 2024, requesting their input on the beneficiaries and donation amounts. The Board thought the survey was a good idea and suggested minor adjustments. The survey will be held electronically and contribute to the benevolence committee recommendations in about a month.

**2. Community Service**

Tricia Lund reported the speaker for the next meeting from Watermelon Mountain Ranch was set up and ready. Community Service donations for this non-profit will be collected at the meeting.

**3. Membership**

Cindy Bourne is ill and, while Linda Hughes and Chris Criscuolo have picked up much of the work, the committee still needs support with membership activities. The Board agreed to approach specific members to invite them to assist.

**4. Shadowing Board members**

It was suggested the Board invite members to shadow specific Board positions to help inform them of the role responsibilities and be potentially available to take over the role in the following year. Karen Croxton, chairman of the nominating committee, agreed to identify members who might be interested.

**5. Treasurer's report**

Janice Grann reported the current Treasurer's summary, as Nancy Evans could not attend the meeting. The Board approved the report.

**6. Program Committee**

Cheryl Betterly reported the new projection equipment Jardineros purchased is working very well. The church sound system, however, has presented some challenges. The church will have its sound engineer review and improve, if possible.



Cheryl had an inquiry about posting an article about the March speaker in the Signpost. This did not occur but the Board was amenable to this idea and discussed promoting a longer article on the Jardineros 60<sup>th</sup> anniversary next year. The Board rejected posting our meetings in the Signpost. In changing owners, the Signpost so substantially cut back on Placitas community news that it is no longer a source of meeting information in the community.

## **6. 2023 History and Year books**

Cathryne Richards reported the 2023 History book is completed and will be presented to Linda Lockett at the May meeting. Members can also purchase them then. Jayne Schultz indicated the yearbook is in process and it was decided to add memorials to the book. There is quite a supply of past yearbooks and the Board discussed disposing of many of them, keeping a number for each year for the history files.

## **7. Plans for Jardineros 60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary celebration**

Cathryne Richards reported the committee of 12 members is in process with planning for the 60<sup>th</sup> anniversary. Current thinking is to have an event each month built around an interest group and have an on-going prize contest, with the prizes announced at the end of the year. The group is also considering a September evening party celebration, perhaps at the new Placitas event location.

## **8. Spring Fling and Placitas Appreciation Day**

The Library's fund raising event, Spring Fling, was a great success. Jardineros participated by selling plants, all of which were donated by a local nursery. The amount from the plant sales that contributed to the Library fund will be announced at the May meeting. Placitas Appreciation Day, sponsored by the Chamber of Commerce, will be held on June 1 from 10-2. Jardineros will again have a table with brochures and other information. An announcement will be made in May for volunteers to support the table.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:15 AM.

Respectfully submitted,  
Sharon Arthur, Corresponding Secretary

# JARDINEROS de PLACITAS

## BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING MINUTES

January 25, 2024

**Call to order:** President Janice Grann called the meeting to order at 10:02 am.

**Present:** Janice Grann, Linda Lockett, Cheryl Betterly, Nancy Evans, Jean Roberts, Sharon Arthur, Pam Criscuolo, Jennise Phillips, Karen Cox, and Linda Hughes.

**Community Service Collection for February:** Janice reported that we will not have a Community Service collection in February because the scheduled recipient, the Placitas Elementary Parent Teachers Organization, is still in the process of renewing their 501(c)(3) registration for 2024. The collection will be rescheduled.

**Board Minutes:** The Board agreed that the Recording Secretary will send the draft minutes to the Board for review, and the minutes will be added to the website to inform the membership.

**Benevolence Committee:** Karen Cox reported that Jardineros member Patti Nemeth is experiencing serious health issues, and the Benevolence Committee will stay in touch to offer help. Karen also suggested a possible memorial for Patti's husband and Jardineros member, Jim McCracken, who recently passed away.

Karen proposed that Jardineros split the \$411 cost of a new AED battery with the Presbyterian Church, the site of our monthly meetings. She will also check with the Placitas Artists Series, which also uses the church, to see if they are willing to share in the cost. The church would continue to pay registration fees for the device. Shannon Farrell, of Sandoval County Search and Rescue, could provide training.

The board also discussed additional coordination between the Benevolence and Community Service Committees to avoid duplicate donations, and to survey members for their ideas.

**Potential Projector/Screen Purchase:** Cheryl Betterly and Sharon Arthur reviewed the extensive research done to date to purchase AV equipment. Linda Lockett moved that we purchase the AV equipment based on the amount already approved by the membership in the 2023 budget. Jennise Phillips seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

**Treasurer's Report:** Nancy Evans reviewed the 2023 actual to budget comparison, and recommended changes to the 2024 budget. After discussion by the Board, Nancy will finalize the budget, and the revised version will be sent to the membership for approval.

**Adjournment:** The meeting was adjourned at 11:32 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Jean Roberts, Recording Secretary