

New Mexico Garden Clubs, Inc.
2017 General Meeting Minutes
Hotel Encanto
Las Cruces, New Mexico
October 26, 2017

Officers Attending:

President -Barbara Vance
1st Vice President -Christine Longthorp
2nd Vice President -Jan Smith
Recording Secretary -Becky Fuller
Historian -Larry Layden
Corresponding Secretary -Conni Elkins
Parliamentarian -Isabel Olsen
Immediate Past President – Suzy Andrego

District Directors:

District I Sonia James for Maple Levine
District II Juanita Ortega
District III Jo Ann Layden
District IV Judy Laird
District V Nannette Tanner

President Barbara Vance called the 68th Fall Board meeting to order at 9:10 AM. President Vance opened the meeting by introducing the District Directors, Immediate Past President, Suzy Andrego and the officers at the head table.

Inspirational Reading-Lucille Lomeland

Pledge of Allegiance-Lequita Lett

Welcoming Remarks-Judy Laird

Preliminary Credentials Report-Beulah Oyler, Registrar

The preliminary credentials report showed a voting strength of 51 members.

The preliminary credentials report was adopted.

Parliamentarian Isabel Olsen reported that there was a quorum present. She then read the Standing Rules and they were adopted as written.

The 2017 Fall Board Meeting Program book was presented by Linnea Egbert with changes to the giving of awards to be done by Conni Elkins. Program was adopted with changes.

President Vance appointed Shirley Sheriff Timekeeper and the following to approve the minutes of the General Meeting: Christine Longthorp, Larry Layden and Juanita Ortega.

Minutes of the 2017 NMGC Spring Meeting-Recording Secretary Becky Fuller. The minutes have been approved and distributed. They will stand as approved.

Treasurer's Report-Laurie Hixson-detailed report attached. Bank Balances as of 30-Sept-17 was \$8,277.66

State Officer's Reports

State President-Barbara Vance-attached
1st Vice President-Christine Longthorp-no report
2nd Vice President-Jan Smith-attached
Historian-Larry Layden-attached
Parliamentarian-Isabel Olsen-no report

Corresponding Secretary-Conni Elkins-Reports for the Annual Report are due March 1, 2018. Conni helped design the new NMGC logo for President Vance.

Immediate Past President-Suzy Andrego-congratulated the Fall Rose recipients: District I-Dianna Doddridge, District II-Laurie Hixson, District III-Conni Elkins, District IV-Ellie Nordgren and District V-Sharon Lombardi.

District Director Reports

District I-Sonia James (Maple Levine)-attached
District II-Juanita Ortega-attached
District III-Jo Ann Layden-attached
District IV-Judy Laird-attached
District V-Nannette Tanner-attached

Other Reports

Recommendation 1: The question is on the consideration that NMGC Sponsor the 2024 NGC Fall Board Meeting to be held in Albuquerque. All Districts to participate. Debate was conducted, vote was taken and with one opposing vote, the Recommendation carried.

2017 Spring Annual Convention Final Report-Suzy Andrego for MaryAnn Moreno, Immediate Past District I Director - had no report due to financial conflicts. A full report will be given at the 2018 NMGC Spring Convention.

South Central Region Report-Isabel Olsen-Director

Oral report given.
Improve Communications: Website - www.scrgardenclubs.org
Members Area, Password-GROW!
SCR "Communicator" is published 4 times annually and available on the

SCR website. Isabel suggests we visit the Gardeners Market General Store.
“Plant America is the Region and National theme for the 2017-2019 term.”

Chairman Reports-attached

Bee, Bird and Butterfly-Jo Ann Layden
Blue Star Memorial (online)-Shirley Tetrault
Environmental Schools (online)-Suzy Andrego
Penny Pines-Larry Layden
Photography-Debra Sorrell
Trees and Shrubs-Maggie Rubino
Scholarships-Christine Longthorp
Smokey Bear – Woodsy Owl-Suzy Andrego for Mary Ann Moreno
Ways and Means-Suzy Andrego for Jennifer Moreno
Website-Cindy Hills
Wild Flowers/Native Plants-Rosemary Maddox

Scholarship Recipient-Kaitlyn Steen

New Attendees

President Vance acknowledged first time attendants to a NMGC Fall Board Meeting.

2018 Annual Spring Convention

Juanita Ortega, District V Director, invited all New Mexico Garden Clubbers to attend the 29th Annual Convention, “Footsteps of the Three Sisters”, to be held April 4-6, 2018, at the Hilton Santa Fe Buffalo Thunder Resort and Casino, Santa Fe, NM.

Ways and Means-Raffle Winners were Ann Cooke-the expense paid trip to the 2018 Spring Convention and Zena Kinne-the jewelry.

Final Credentials Report-attached

Voting Strength-51

Courtesy Resolutions-presented by Shirley Sheriff. The resolutions were voted on and adopted.

Benediction-Linnea Egbert

Meeting adjourned at 2:27 PM

Submitted

Becky Fuller, Recording Secretary

