

# Houston Bonsai Society Board Meeting Minutes

October 3, 2018

## I. Call to Order

The President, Pete Parker, presided and called the meeting to order at 6:30 pm.

## II. Roll Call

Members present were Pete Parker, Anthony Cutola, Ken Cousino, Clyde Holt, Gale Childers, Ray Gonzalez, Scott Barboza, Hurley Johnson, Ryan Vollert, Brian Gurrola and Maria Grissom

## III. Read and Approve Meeting Minutes

Minutes for August 1, 2018 meeting were presented. A motion was made to accept the minutes, the motion was seconded and all voted in favor.

## IV. Treasurer's Report

Pete Parker read the treasurer's report in Eldon Branham's absence. A motion was made to accept the expenses. The motion was seconded and all voted in favor.

## V. Expenditures

- Terri Dubois presented expenses for traveling artist Tyler Sherrod.
  - Travel \$ 80.76 + hotel \$ 170.18 + rental \$ 200.00 = \$ 450.94
  - The workshop made \$ 350.00 and the raffle made \$ 280.00 said Terri

## VI. Unfinished Business

- Dr. Hoe provided an update on the Fall Show at the Memorial City Mall and mentioned that the location was changed to the atrium in front of Dillard's and we all agreed that was a much better location. He mentioned that he needed some good trees for the show, so far only 11 committed.
- Timeless Trees will be a vendor at the Fall Show.
- Dr. Hoe requested volunteers to sign up to help with the set up of Saturday morning, storing the trees Saturday night and then for Sunday the volunteers would help with the set up and closing down around 5 pm
- The club will have the banner and will advertise the 2019 Convention with brochures and postcards at hand.
- 2019 Convention update provided by Pete Parker – At this date we had 40 registrations and 3 workshops sold out. Brochures were sent out to ABS for them to help us have more exposure and advertise our event.
- Hurley added that we have 21 vendors signed up for the Convention
- Pete mentioned that Eldon is working on the reclassification of HBS from being a 501 (C)(4) to a 501 (C)(3) which would determine that we are a charitable organization and can provide tax deduction for donations

## VII. Routine Business

Kusamono workshop with Artist Young Choe, is scheduled for Sunday afternoon from 1 – 4 pm, October 28 at Timeless Trees.

#### **VIII. LSBF Activities**

- Terry Dubois has indicated that he will not continue as the LSBF representative. Hurley Johnson will be nominated for that position.
- Pete Parker will continue as the alternate
  - Only 3 meetings held each year with LSBF (Skype , Convention and one at Pete's House)

#### **IX. New Business**

- Pete talked about the need to find another meeting place but our search found that all available locations for evening meetings during the week days were either very expensive or closed at 9:00. The possibility of changing meeting day and time to be able to use a community center at no cost to the club was discussed and a vote was taken.
- A new location for HBS meeting was voted to be Trini Mendenhall Community Center located at 1414 Wirt Road, Houston, Texas 77055.
- New meeting days will start next year on Saturday 5<sup>th</sup>, January 2019
- Pete Parker was nominated to a second President term
- Dr. Hoe was nominated for a second term as Vice President
- We are still searching for two members At Large
  - Soon volunteered to one
  - TBD
- Clyde Holt mentioned that it was difficult to find the HBS address on the website and he had a hard time trying to help somebody that wanted to attend monthly meeting.

#### **X. Adjournment**

A motion was made to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded and all voted in favor.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:01 p.m. Minutes of the meeting were taken by Maria Grissom.