

COLUMBIA GARDENERS, INC.  
Fall 2020 MEETING MINUTES  
October 20, 2020

*The purpose of this meeting was to elect the officers (President, Vice-President, Treasurer and Secretary) and the three Members at Large (one from each site) for the 2021 gardening year. The meeting was held via zoom due to the ongoing Corona virus.*

**ATTENDEES:**

Betty Miller  
Amod Bhide  
John Spencer  
Diane Stack  
Cleve Chick  
Susan Levi-Goerlich  
Bill Small  
Betty Bensel  
Carole Graves  
Guy DiRoma  
Mary Gold  
Rose Marie Meservey  
Heather Richardson  
Alison Esrig

Betty Miller called the meeting to order at 7:05 p.m. She welcomed all who joined us at the Fall meeting and explained that the election of officers and members at large was the only item on the agenda.

Betty next explained the election process. She stated that voting would be by a show of hands and it would take a majority of all members present to elect the officers and members at large.

Betty introduced the Nominating Committee, consisting of Rose Marie Meservey from Elkhorn, Heather Richardson from West Side and Alison Esrig from Long Reach. Rose Marie presented the slate of officers and members at large.

The slate consisted of Betty Miller for President, Amod Bhide for Vice-President, John Spencer for Treasurer, Diane Stack for Secretary, Ebele Onwueme for Long Reach Member-at-Large, Bill Small for West Side Member-at-Large and Carol Cannon for Elkhorn Member-at-Large. Each of these people are currently serving Board members and hold the position that they are running for as shown in the slate of officers and members at large.

Rose Marie asked for nominations from the floor but there were none. A vote was taken and the presented slate of officers and members at large was unanimously approved. Thus, all elected members will continue in their current position for another year.

Rose Marie expressed her thanks for the work the Columbia Gardeners Board (Site Managers, Officers, Members at Large, Committee Members, etc.) do for the rest of the gardeners.

Mary Gold also expressed her thanks and told a funny story. She has been gardening at Elkhorn since 1983. Back then the Columbia Gardeners general meetings weren't anything like they are now. They were very small. She attended her first fall meeting. Besides Board members, there were only two other gardeners at the Fall meeting. The Elkhorn Site Manager announced that she could no longer serve as manager. Everyone looked around the room and there sat Mary. This is how Mary got to be the site manager of Elkhorn for nine years. When she took on the site manager position, there was a lull in gardening. Roughly one-third of the Elkhorn plots had been abandoned.

Susan suggested taking a screen shot of the meeting showing a picture of the people who were present for the Columbia Archives. Both Susan and Guy later sent a screen shot to the rest of the Board.

Betty Miller concluded the meeting by thanking Rose Marie for presenting the slate of officers and members at large, the Nominating Committee for their work in putting the slate of officers and members at large together and those who attended the meeting. She also congratulated the winners of the election.

Betty asked if there was anything else. There was nothing else brought up.

The meeting adjourned at 7:15 p.m.