

Monday, January 14, 2019

## Membership Meeting Agenda

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5:15 PM – POTLUCK

6:00 PM – 6:45 PM – **PRESENTATION:** Group connection

7:00 PM – **BUSINESS MEETING**

- I. Opening of the Guilds
  - Leader:** Sisters and Brothers, let's remember why we gather.
  - All:** We come together to nurture creativity, practice stewardship of Nature, and promote values of sustainability. This is the community we choose to be. Ho!
  - Chaplain's Reading:** TBD
  - Song:** TBD
- II. Roll call of officers
- III. Read and approve minutes
- IV. Proposals for membership
- V. Obligation of new members
- VI. Reports of standing committees
  - a. Membership – Susan Dobra, Chair
  - b. Rental – Jennifer Peterson, Chair
  - c. Building and Grounds – Dan Joseph, Chair
  - d. Events – New chairperson needed
  - e. Community Action – Susan Dobra, Chair
  - f. Garden – Jennifer Peterson, Chair
- VII. Secretary – Correspondence
- VIII. Treasurer – Verna Myers
- IX. Unfinished business
  - a. Moving away / staying put
  - b. Community: a place in time
  - c. Moving toward converting PCG to a 501(c)3 org
- X. New business
  - a. CA Guild update
  - b. Rebuilders Guild
  - c. Other
- XI. Suggestions for the good of the Guilds
- XII. Is any member sick or in distress?
- XIII. Closing the Guild



Mission Statement:

We foster community by nurturing creativity, practicing stewardship of Nature, and promoting values of sustainability.

# INITIATION TO THE GUILDS

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**Leader:** Sisters and Brothers, why do we gather?

**Members:** We gather to nurture creativity, practice stewardship of Nature, and promote values of sustainability.

**Leader:** Our new friends, will you join us in this work?

**Candidates:** We will.

**Leader:** Sisters and Brothers, what are the values we uphold in our work together?

**Members:** We pledge to each other to uphold these common values:

- honesty, forthrightness, and the ability to keep one's word;
- optimism, love of life, and the ability to smile and have fun;
- loyalty, fellowship, and strength in unity;
- cooperation, collaboration, and willingness to compromise;
- kindness, mutual support, and an open heart and mind;
- respect for nature and the wondrous power of growing things;
- and an honoring of our interdependence with all life and each other.

**Leader:** Our new friends, will you help us uphold these values?

**Candidates:** We will.

**Leader:** Paradise Community Guilds is joined in common cause with the California Guild and its Guild chapters for our mutual benefit. Please affirm your support of our fellowship by reciting the **Guild Pledge:**

I, (state your name) promise to serve as a loyal member of the Guild:  
with an open mind,  
a kind heart,  
hands that offer Charity,  
faith in our future,  
and above all, with dedication to my fellow members,  
my community and the Guild.

I pledge that I will at all times comply with the Constitution, Bylaws and rulings of the California Guild, as from time to time amended and as they comply with the laws of my State and Nation,  
and that I will never knowingly harm or defraud another member of the Guild, or the Guild itself,  
or allow such harm or fraud to be done by another if within my ability to prevent it.

**Leader:** Sisters and Brothers, these new friends have pledged themselves to our Vision, our Mission, our Values, and our fellowship. Let us give our pledge to them.

**Members:** We pledge the same to you as your sisters and brothers.

**Leader:** Let everyone shout!

**All: This is the community we choose to be! Ho!**

**Leader:** Let us welcome the newest members of Paradise Community Guilds!