

VASHON MAURY ISLAND GARDEN CLUB
General Membership Meeting Minutes
January 9, 2017

PRESIDENT Lynn Buscaglia called the meeting to order at 9:48 a.m. There were 57 members signed in.

Friendship Plant was won by JR Crawford.

SECRETARY'S REPORT: Abbreviated minutes from December 12, 2016 were read and approved by the membership without correction.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Treasurer Lisa Lucke reported current club balance as \$17,103.86.

New Members and Guests: Chair Lucy Harter reported no new members/guests for this meeting.

Committee Reports:

Publicity/Website: Lynn announced significant improvement to our website, with nod to chair Debi Richards. Lynn encouraged members to sign in and review the changes.

Plant Sale 2017: Co-chairs Martha Gebhard, Martha Keenan, and Joan Costa reported on current status. Joan confirmed we have the Island Center site for the sale, with a promise of increased space. Martha Gebhard reminded that members should be starting their "Dirty Dozen" this month and that we will be ordering seeds soon, so members should submit their favorite annuals that will sell. Karen Dale will have sign-up sheets available for greenhouse/watering volunteers, and will be starting work mid-February.

Off Island Tour: Deborah Teagardin, reporting for co-chairs Debi Richards and Darlece Cleveland, provided information on options for the tour at Heronswood Nursery with two different dates. Voted by the membership to have the tour on Saturday May 13th, when there would be 15 nurseries present that day.

Life Members: Lynn reminded we have vacancies, and asked members to nominate an eligible member and submit to Secretary Joan Costa by 2/1/17. Nominees must be active in the club and a club member for 10 years. Voting will be held at February meeting by paper ballot.

Logo Contest: Lynn asked for submissions by March 1st, and which would be in line with our new motto.

Judy Lorance, Refreshment Chair, asked for additional volunteers to help out, and if interested, to see her after the meeting.

New Business:

By Laws Update: Lynn reported that the Board training attended by the Board members illuminated that we needed to update and revise our current bylaws. Members JR Crawford and Hunter Davis volunteered for this project, with a end of March deadline so the members could vote on changes at the April meeting.

Horticulture: Cindy Stockett provided a guide to buying trees and shrubs, with good choices being Japanese Maple, Paperbark Maple, and Katsura tree, and how to care for your new trees. Cindy reviewed garden chores for January, including cleaning up beds, and cutting back grasses.

Tool Talk: Becky Bumgarner showcased a “Mantis Tiller” with four tines of two each. Becky advised tools could be purchased at RoyalWeeder.com. She also gave information on gloves with a special pointed resin coating, which made digging through soil easier with more protection.

Meeting was adjourned at 10:48 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Joan Costa
Secretary