

GENERAL VMIGC MEETING SEPTEMBER 11, 2017

Meeting was held at Lutheran Church. President Linda called the meeting to order at 9:45...adjourned at 11:00. All board members present, 42 plus members (many arrived late).

President

President noted that Stephanie was moving to Oregon and that Joan Costa had been named as replacement for Chairman of Programs/Workshops Committee. Mary Bergman was nominated and voted-in to replace Lucy Harter as VP.

Secretary

Dan told members that general meeting notes would be sent out to members prior to the meeting via a shout-out and that Debi would be posting the general meeting minutes to the VMIGC web site in the near future. Dan went over key items from the June meeting's minutes; there were no questions/ changes, and the minutes were accepted as read.

Treasurer

Lisa stated that the ending bank balance (thru 9-11-17) was \$14,564.

Vice President

Mary noted that 4 new members were attending: Cathie Crouse, Rachel Waldron, Terry Rice, and Ginny Young. Two dguests in attendance: Sherry Schlosser, Daniel Hooker (phone number for members needing yard work...707-771-1999).

Winners of friendship plants were Annie Duggan-Dearborn, Erin Hobbs, and Shaun Austin.

Mary called for volunteers to serve as mentors to new members and noted that there would be a mentor/new member tea/brunch held at Debi Richard's Frog Holler Farm. on October 3rd starting at 10am...more to follow as known.

Mary stated that VMIGC now has 114 paid-up members (a new record?).

Committees

Open Gardens: Jane Rosen said there were 13 open gardens this summer...8 member gardens and 5 award winning gardens; Berdie will be committee chair for 2017.

Community Garden Awards: For Jan Goucher (sick), Debi Richards announced the five 2017 winning gardens:

Scott and Jill Shapiro (the Vashon Lodges), Tom and Mary Langland, Javier Sotelo (Spring Road), Lisa and Scott Betz (SW 300th), Synthia and Joe Downs (184th).

Lynn Buscaglia announced that the Community Garden Awards Dinner will be held on Nov. 14th at the Burton Lodges; price \$29 / person. Start time 5:30.

Plant sale: Martha Keenan said that EVERYONE need to start on their " dirty dozen" and Joan Costa said participation in the plant sale was mandatory for club membership (i.e. involvement). Martha attempted to coerce more greenhouse volunteers by promising cookies every day for workers. Nancy Hosticka (replacing Karen Dale) and Trudy Rosemarin will manage the high school greenhouse program. Island Gardening Projects: Christine Anderson called for more volunteers to cleanup the two VMIGC sites...VCC and Neighborcare Clinic garden.

Horticulture

Nancy Kappleman asked members to comment on which plants benefited from hot summer...hostas, coreopsis, egg plant, Liberty apples, salvia, zinnias, Hardy fuschias, hollyhocks, artichokes, roses, maiden hair ferns, etc.

Tool Time Presentation with Becky Bumgarner

Assortment of various battery operated tools...including 40 volt trimmer from Green Works.

Seasonal Pest Presentation by Diane Emerson

Covered various types of Eco-friendly alternative lawns with handouts.

New Business

Card was passed around for Dr. Al Watts....leaving Island...great horticultural expert. Mukai looking for volunteers as they renovate house and gardens. Member John Whitney beginning chemo-therapy.

Speaker: Eddy Radar from Blue Moon Farms...seed harvesting

Respectfully ours, Dan Connolly, Sr. Secretary