

VASHON MAURY ISLAND GARDEN CLUB
General Membership Meeting Minutes
February 13, 2017

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

Friendship Plants were won by Alma Hardy and Anna Martinsen.

SECRETARY'S REPORT: Abbreviated minutes from January 9, 2017. were read and approved by the membership without correction.

TREASURER'S REPORT: President Lynn Buscaglia, in Treasurer's absence, reported current club balance as \$17,169.83.

New Members and Guests: Chair Lucy Harter introduced new members Nicole McCarthy and Denise St. Dennis.

Committee Reports:

Life Members: Lynn reported the Life Member nominees (15) who were vetted by the Board in meeting the eligibility requirements. Paper ballots were passed out, and members voted for three nominees to fill the current vacancies. Ballots were tallied by Lucy Harter and Stephane Preston. Lucy announced the ballot results: Jane Rosen, Patricia Nesland, and Anna Martinsen were elected as new life members.

Plant Sale 2017: Co-chairs Martha Keenan, and Joan Costa reported on current status. Joan met with Tanner at Island Center site and mapped out the increased space that will be provided this year. Joan will be working on a site map and will share with the membership when completed. Martha Keenan reminded that members should have Dirty Dozen selected and started. She introduced propagation leads Karen Dale and Trudy Rosemarin. Trudy reminded the first greenhouse workday would be Friday 2/17/17. Karen advised she and Martha would be obtaining the seeds and soil today, and the first greenhouse workday would be Friday 2/17/17.

Programs: Lynn announced the presentation today on bees, with the Mason Bee Workshop to be held 2/23/17 at 10 am at the Lutheran Church.

Logo Contest: Lynn asked for submissions by March 1st, and which would be in line with our new motto. There has not been any submissions as yet.

By Laws Update: Lynn reported that members have volunteered for this project, and she is seeking additional volunteers, with the project completed by an end of March deadline. Changes/edits will be voted on by the members at the April meeting.

Sunshine Committee: Chair Carol Eckman advised the Club donated a Garden Book in the memory of Kay White, the Backbone of the Garden Club, to the McMurray School Library. Carol shared the Kay's near-40 year participation in the club and her many contributions. The book was to be passed to the tables to allow members to sign it.

Anna Martinsen reported the great turnout for the VCC "Labor of Love" auction held on 2/4/17, and appreciated the help from Garden Club members who helped with the event. Anna announced the event raised in excess of \$120,000. Anna announced she and Judi Burwell will host a thank you luncheon on 3/3/17 for the Club volunteers.

Jane Rosen delivered a basket of goodies and chocolate chip cookies from the Club to Carol Olson for her husband's memorial the previous week.

New Business:

Lynn introduced the position of Volunteer Coordinator to help organize and communicate volunteer positions available at other community non-profits. Lynn answered several questions about the position from members and requested that those interested in the position contact her. Deborah Teagardin volunteered to staff the position for the current term.

Senior Center Bingo Night: Joan Costa encouraged members to volunteer at the monthly event which raises money for this non-profit, or to just come and play bingo to help raise funds.

Horticulture: Nancy Kappelman presented on "Butterfly Garden Plants", with a detailed list provided, divided as to plant type. She also provided the garden chores for the month. A handout was provided.

Seasonal Pests and Problems: Diane Emerson gave information from the PCC Newsletter article on "Glyphosate and Grains", showing that grains other than soy and corn are sprayed with the herbicide, which is not widely known, although researched by the FDA. Diane also provided information on alternatives to use in the garden. Handouts provided.

Meeting was adjourned at 10:56 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Joan Costa
Secretary