

VMIGC GENERAL MEETING 2-12-18

Linda Stemer opened meeting at 9:45 at Vashon Lutheran Church; 51 members signed in. Linda mentioned that Lucy's daughter said that Lucy enjoyed cards, plants and visits from members. Linda also announced that Jean Andrus's husband, Steven, had passed this past week; a card for the Andrus family was circulated. Dan C. read brief synopsis of 1-8-18 meeting notes; minutes were approved as read.

Lisa L. stated that current bank balance was \$11,991.46

Mary B. introduced one new member, JoAnn Herbert, a recent retired nurse. Mary mentioned there would be NO yearly fee for new members joining in March or April. Mary said that members wanting to have their picture changed (or added) to the yearly member directory or if members had changes / corrections to directory data should contact Jan at the meeting.

Friendship plants won by Joy Grant and Mary Alice Sanguinetti.

Nancy Hosticka spoke about the work party that had cleaned the high school green house last Wednesday; all future work parties will be on Friday afternoons from 1-3 pm, beginning this week. It was mentioned that Carolina Nurik had a large number of pots to contribute when needed.

Dave H. spoke about the off-island nursery bus tour; Dave asked if people wanted to leave an hour earlier and stay an hour later (approximately 9 hours) to visit an additional nursery...it appeared that members wanted to keep the bus tour to 7 hours and not 9.

Nancy Hostika (replacing Trudy Rosemarin this month) presented the horticultural program concerned with spring pruning, fern, grass, and wisteria pruning, and bulb planting. She reminded members it was time to plant peas.

Diane Emerson spoke about noxious plants and gave 3 handouts concerned with noxious plants and aquatic weeds. Diane then discussed the use of cardboard and wood chips, mulch, bark, etc. to kill weeds. She said that wood chips were

available from Greentree Dozing for a fee and free at KC's Cederhurst Yard when available.

Linda then lead a discussion concerning member collection of Thriftway receipts. Although there are many otgenerally agreed that enough VMIGC members don't currently participate in these other plans and that collecting receipts may be a good income source for the club. More to come.

Shout outs:

Linda is still looking for volunteers to help with a cooking meals for the homeless. Master gardeners will have a program March 3rd from 11-1 concerning pollinators at the Library.

Mukai will be planting cherry trees on March 3 from 2-4pm. Cindy Stockett also stated that Mukai had received a \$250,000 State grant.

Sam Culp representing the Food Bank covered several programs, including "grow-a-row program." The Food Club will also creat multiple donation sites for volunteers to contribute fresh fruits and vegetables.

It was stated that member John Whitney is in cancer remission.

Meeting adjourned at 11:00.

Today's program was presented by Will Lockwood of Zero Waste Vashon.

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