

VMIGC MEETING NOTES 1-14-19

amended...approved by membership 3-11-19

Linda S. opened the meeting at 9:30 Vashon Lutheran Church. 63 members signed in. JR introduced one new member, Cheryl Weise, and four visitors: Kim Kambock, Helene Miller, Grace Francis and Carole Burger.

Linda mentioned that Patty Hieb could use some help with her garden chores, the Christmas bird houses made by Carol Eckman were enjoyed by our two shut-ins, explained there were sign out sheets for our library books and explained the grocery receipt collecting program. She also handed out an addition to the VMIGC Membership Directory prepared by Lynn B.

Linda S. explained the Friendship Door Prize Program vs. the old Friendship Plant Program.

Dan presented a synopsis of the 12-10-18 minutes, which were approved as corrected. Dan mentioned that approved minutes were available on the web site.

Janet Q. stated there was \$20,127.79 in the bank and the December deposits from the grocery receipt program was \$136. Janet suggested a savings program from 3 different banking sources to place VMIGC's excess cash; motion to use Fidelity's Government Money Market Fund was made, seconded, and accepted by membership.

Trudy R. presented decisions from the Off-Island Tour and Adventure Committee. The first trip will be to Kathy's Corner's Nursery on April 11th for a presentation by Kathy featuring new plants /useful plants followed by a possible discount purchases for members attending. Trudy has also arranged two visits on May 6th (1-3pm) and May 8th (10-12) to Jane Neubauer's native vegetation garden; each tour was limited to 12 members. So many members signed up, that Trudy will attempt to organize a third garden tour. Trudy also said that our off-

island bus tour will be on May 16th to the Bellevue Botanical Gardens and the Wells-Medina Nursery. Over 40 members signed up at \$25 each.

Julia Lakey explained progress she has made on the NW Community Certification Program. She said that 150 households would need to participate eventually. She discussed the Land Trust's native plant sale and said that the committee would have an Information booth at the May plant sale. She would also have both bee and butterfly annual pollinator seeds available for sale at the plant sale.

Cathy C. and Sheryl L. discussed plant sale progress and would be meeting with Island Home Center this week. Seeds have been ordered, and Nancy H. said that she would begin greenhouse meetings on February 8th from 1-3 pm. Anna M. discussed the wants/needs for the Flea Market portion of the Plant Sale.

Jackie O'Malley asked for members to sign up for the Summer Open Garden Program.

Cindy S. handed out a sheet concerned with tree selection for your yard. She discussed removing burlap or cardboard pots covering the root ball and the need to keep roots moist. She discussed the need for compost when planting and also the potential use of a mycorrhizal product for root development. She also mentioned that a review of individual seed suppliers could be obtained on line at Dave's Garden Watchdog.

Diane E. presented members with a Seasonal Garden Calendar. She also warned about the presence of slug eggs in compost and best to spread compost in winter.

Linda adjourned the meeting for the snack break. Following the break, Rachel from Ace Hardware made a presentation on "Maintaining Your Garden Equipment."

As usual, please return additions, corrections, etc. Respectfully, dan

Sent from my iPad