

VASHON MAURY ISLAND GARDEN CLUB
General Membership Meeting Minutes
April 10, 2017

PRESIDENT Lynn Buscaglia called the meeting to order at 9:50 a.m. There were 63 members signed in.

Friendship Plants awarded to Shaun Austin and Linda Milovsoroff.

SECRETARY'S REPORT: Abbreviated minutes from March 13, 2017 were read and approved by the membership without correction.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Treasurer Lisa Lucke reported current club balance as \$12,987.08.

New Members and Guests: Chair Lucy Harter reported no new members/guests for this meeting. Lucy requested members complete the "Interest Survey" for suggestions for next year and return to her by the end of the meeting.

Committee Reports:

Off Island Tour: Chair Debi Richards directed members to sign up sheet for lunch options. Debi reported that the bus was full and urged members who have not paid to do so today. Hours for the day would be 8:15 a.m. to 6:00 pm.

Spring Tour: Lisa Lucke reported the date for the tour 5/18/17 to Al Watts' farm, and starting with a group breakfast at 9:00 a.m. at the Hardware Store. Lisa detailed the menu options for a cost of \$6.25/person.

Community Gardens: Jan Goucher, Chair, asked for garden nominations for 2017-2018 club year, and explained nominee had to be an individual who is not a current VMIGC member, and performs 80% of the garden work. One commercial garden, with the remaining residential gardens, will be considered. Closing for nominations is May 19th. The Community Garden Awards dinner in November will celebrate the winners. Other committee members are Jane Rosen, Lucy Harter, Debi Richards, JR Crawford, Erin Hobbs, and Marlyce Dixon.

Community Garden Projects: Christine Anderson, Chair, outlined our current volunteer projects at the Patio Garden at VCC, and the Breast Cancer Awareness Garden (designed by Garden Club members). A volunteer signup sheet was passed around to the membership for maintenance and watering chores.

Student Benefits: Pat Nesland, Chair, reported McMurray Middle School was presented \$1000 to improve their garden. Pat visited with Mary Beba to view the work needed, including bulldozing by heavy equipment to enlarge the garden space. Pat will do a presentation in September to the club of all the activity and results. Club may be visiting the garden during an open garden event this summer.

Helen Puz Scholarships: Peggy Queary explained the process for awarding scholarships to Vashon High School seniors. Peggy reported the scholarship amount for this year would total \$4000.00 and be awarded to two recipients. Peggy and chair Jude Wallace have selected the two recipients, which will be named to the members at the June meeting.

Open Gardens: Chair Jane Rosen explained the open gardens project during the summer months and asked for sign ups from members to open their gardens this summer to tour.

Plant Sale 2017: Co-chairs Martha Gebhard, Martha Keenan, and Joan Costa reported on current status. Joan Costa sent around sign up sheets again for setup, breakdown, sawhorses/trucks. A refreshment signup sheet to assist Berdie Krimmel was circulated also. Dirty Dozen and Boutique items to be dropped off at sale site on Friday May 5th. Martha Keenan asked for

applause as thank you to propagation greenhouse chairs Trudy Rosemarin and Karen Dale. Also applause for all greenhouse workers and label makers, especially Dan Connolly and Nancy Hosticka. Martha requested additional 3 volunteers for Holding Tank, and signup circulated. Martha Gebhard asked that members fertilize their Dirty Dozen before the plant sale, and that all starts have roots, and be labeled. Martha also reminded that all volunteers for Plant Sale start at 8 am on May 6th. Carol Olson volunteered to make computer labels for any members who need this assistance. Martha reminded there would be a cashier, tallier, and floater training at her house on 4/13 at 1 pm. Member Sale would be at 3pm Friday 5/5 with a two plant maximum. Anna Martinsen showcased examples of boutique items to donate.

Old Business:

By Laws Update: Lynn called for a motion to approve as no edits proposed to bylaws changes as presented at the last meeting. Motion to approve, seconded, and passed without objections.

Nominees for slate of officers for two year term starting 2017-2018 club year presented by committee member Lucy Harter: President: Linda Stemer, and Secretary: Dan Connolly. Lynn asked for any nominees from the floor without Motion to approve slate as presented seconded and approved unanimously by the membership present.

June Meeting: Lynn explained club was reaching out to Members in Our Thoughts to attend our 65th Anniversary meeting if possible, and any past members. Club photo will be taken that day (wear garden hats), and past presidents introduced and seated at a VIP table. Meeting will be a potluck, with an anniversary cake.

New Business:

Strawberry Festival: Lisa Lucke talked about working on float last year and the fun of being in the parade. Lisa advised the parade is July 22nd and for members to be thinking about participating to put the float together again (all parts already made) and she will take signups at the meeting today. Lisa offered to dress up as our club logo (cricket).

Seasonal Pests and Problems: Diane Emerson presented on the dangers of herbicides (Brush and Vine killer, for example) by detailing the cautions on each product and the "protective gear" needed in handling these products. Mobile Hazardous Waste is a way to dispose of these chemicals and a cards with this information was on each table. Discussion regarding the hanta virus, carried by deer mice (white feet).

Horticulture: Nancy Kappelman presented on the many varieties of Dahlias, with dahlias planted in April, and needing minimum 60 degree weather and 8 hours of sun, avoiding watering until green shoots are visible. Pest include slugs and earwigs. Fertilize with a low nitrogen of NPK 5-10-10. Tuber division done in Spring and Fall, focusing on tubers with eyes. Nancy also warned dahlias are not deer resistant. Nancy talked about uses for wood chips, but will leech nitrogen, so not to use in vegetable or flower beds. Chores for the month detailed. Handout provided.

Tool Talk: Becky Baumgarner presented chaps, made by Green Jeans, made out of nylon. The Royal Weeder was demonstrated by Berdie Krimmel, which can be purchased online for \$99.00, and is used to get to surface weeds.

Meeting was adjourned at 11:18 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Joan Costa, Secretary

