

Arlington Garden Club Meeting Minutes

March 11, 2019

The meeting was called to order by President Judy Ness at 11:20 am.

Minutes: February general meeting minutes were accepted as presented in the Scoop.

Financial: Barbara Lindberg presented the financial report. It was accepted as presented.

Checking Balance as of 3/8.....\$5,963.18
Cash on hand.....200.00
Savings.....4,000.68
Total of check-cash-savings..\$10,163.86

President's remarks: + Bea has secured permission for members to remove wood from the "old" Community Garden if you want it for use in a raised bed. See Bea Randall if you are interested.

+ We will be selling BioChar at the Plant Sale from a new company - Black Owl BioChar out of Everson.

Committee Reports:

Membership: + Libby Adams – Membership renewals can be paid at the April and May meeting.

Activities: + The trip to Bellingham to Stephanie Burgess's shop for Peace Art is Wednesday, March 13th.

+ Tentative date for the Victoria trip is Wed. June 26th. More information to come.

Nominating Committee: + Joyce Lybyer – The slate of officers for 2019-2020 is:

Jan Hawley for President;
Laurie Marshall for Vice-Pres.;
Chris Nielsen for Secretary;
Barb Lindberg for Treasurer.

The vote will be taken at the April meeting.

Potting Day @ Sunnyside: + Kathy Engle – Volunteer for two hours to pot up customer purchases. Bring your own pots or buy pots and get 10% off plants that you purchase, and pot them up at the nursery. Saturday, May 25.

June Fling: + Ann Ostrander – There will be a "picnic menu" and a Birthday Theme to celebrate the 85th year of the Arlington Garden Club. There will be a Silent Auction. Please come by 10:30am to bring your auction items. Table decorators come by 9 to 9:30am to set up your table, or possibly Sunday evening.

Plant Sale: + Merle Green – Schedule for day of the sale, Saturday, May 11.

7:00am Set up tables

7:30am Set up canopies

8:00am Bring Plants, have them marked with name, care information and a picture of flower if available. Bring Bake Sale Items.

9:00am Sale Begins

Old Business: + At the Shed on Thursday, March 14, at 10:00 - pick up soil for potting your plants for the sale and to purchase BioChar per bag.

+ Since the garden club voted to go it alone, the Board authorized a vote by the membership to see if you would like to approve a dues change: \$15 for single member

and \$20 for a spousal couple. The hope being that more men will join the club. Vote of membership: All in favor.

+ Work is progressing on the new Community Garden, but there has been a change of plans for a “memorial”. It may now be an interpretative sign so it will include the history of the garden as well as Bea and Chuck Randall’s long term efforts. Judy will be attending a meeting with the city to decide what the memorial will be.

New Business:

+ The teams for tidying up the Centennial Trail will meet again. Mike and Diane may have that information so sometime in April there will be a work party to clean up the markers. Judy has a “sharps” container to use for the work party. Please log your hours and the number of people helping. Details will be available at the next meeting.

+ Laura Watson, aka The Clematis Lady, who has spoken to our club several times, is now a **certified instructor in pruning**. Carol Jacques volunteered her garden. Information on date and time to follow.

+ Connie Gronning has agreed to chair a committee, as yet to be formed, to decide what the Arlington Garden Club is going to do going forward as to a memorial.

+ Blue Star Memorial – Major Mike Blue, aerospace instructor at Arlington High School, is going to work with our club and provide us with ROTC cadets to help with renovation of the memorial garden. We still need to get permission from the state.

This n’ That:

+ Kitty Fitch and Judy Ness showed us how to feed butterflies in our backyards.

Butterflies love over-ripe, juicy fruit. Freeze over-ripe bananas, when ready to use mash them up, cut up oranges, kiwi's, and cantaloupe. Put the fruit in individual sections of a platter and in another section put tiny gravel with water. Butterfly's suck, not chew, so the fruit must be juicy and they need water to drink. They will stand on the gravel and drink the water. Clean every three weeks and do not worry about flies or other insects.

+ Carol Jacques brought cuttings of pussy willow, magnolia and moss and lichen covered branches to share.

Meeting adjourned at 12:00pm

Respectfully submitted by Chris Nielsen/Secretary