

# Arlington Garden Club Meeting Minutes

January 14, 2019

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

**Minutes:** No December minutes to approve.

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

Checking Bal as of 1/12.....\$5,961.15  
Cash on hand.....200.00  
Savings.....4,000.61  
Total of check-cash-savings...\$10,161.76

Members were encouraged to think about donation ideas; need to be horticultural, environmental or ecological.

**President's remarks:** + Long-time member **Ruth Pfeiffer** is visiting us today.

+ **Fred Meyer** – Discount totaled less than \$20 so no rebate this quarter. See Karen Ricketts for an application so your purchases at Fred Meyer can be included.

+ **Amazon Smile** – When you purchase on Amazon please register for Amazon Smile and indicate your donation to go to Arlington Garden Club.

+ **Craft ideas** for members to make and sell at the Holiday Garden: Gnome bottle toppers, decorated fancy bottles, painted wooden shapes. Share your ideas if you can think of any other ideas that we can make to sell.

+ **Metro Bench** on 204<sup>th</sup> was destroyed. Hope to have more information by next month on the replacement.

## Committee Reports:

**Communications** - Penny Hanson read from **our garden club's early history from 1934 - 1968** which was printed in The Garden Scoop in January. This reading was from the initial formation of the club in 1934 and we all enjoyed hearing the activities and the humor. We'll be sharing more of these moments in our history during the year.

**Sunshine Committee** - Sharon Dittenberger is now in charge of the Sunshine Committee.

**Membership** - Libby Adams – We have 109 members in our club. Remember to bring and wear name tags.

New Member – Marshall, Laurie 8420 123<sup>rd</sup> Ave. NE Lake Stevens 98258  
Cell: 425-320-9689 backcountry03@frontier.com bd 9/29 j 1/19 (introduced by Marjorie Zehrung)

Guests – Mary Larmay brought by Barbara Clevenger  
Shirley Campbell brought by Pat Veale  
Lynn Johnson brought by Ron Young

**Activities** - Trip to Bellingham to **Stephanie Burgess' shop for Peace Art** at the end of February. Transportation would be carpool or in your own car. If interested see Karen for the sign-up sheet.

**Potting Day at Sunnyside** will be Saturday, May 25.

Possible trip to **Vancouver Island** in the spring to visit gardens. No plans are made yet, just asking for interest. This was not discussed at the meeting but a sign-up sheet if interested was at the greeter's table.

**Programs -** Thank you to Cheri Hansen for a wonderful Christmas Party; and to Chris Nielsen for the Song Books, to Tam Conrad for the music and to Tina Wilson, Kitty Fitch and Sandra McDaniel for the table decorations.

**Mayor & Boulton Gardens -** Joyce Lybyer and her team: John Marsh, Tam Conrad, Kathy Engell, Guyce Lafavour, Dorothy Johnson, Ann Ostrander and Connie Gronning. New team members: Ann Brenaman, Kathleen Fitchitt and Ray and Carol Denton

**June Fling -** Ann Ostrander and her team: Linda Wallitner, Nona Anderson and Tam Conrad.

Since this is the 85<sup>th</sup> Anniversary year for the Arlington Garden Club we selected "Happy Birthday" as our theme. We will have the Silent Auction again with items members bring from home, and there will be 11-12 tables to decorate in the style of the theme. A sign-up sheet is going around for members who want to decorate a table.

**Plant Sale -** Merle Green and her team Faith Martin, Christy Fina and Guyce Lafavour.

Saturday, May 11 is the day of our annual Plant Sale at the Mayor's Court Yard. It is time to plant annual seeds indoors or divide and repot perennials from your garden. Don't forget indoor plants if you have some to divide and replant. Also, keep in mind small trees, vegetables and herbs.

**Old Business:** JoAnn Heichel shared that **Inez Kuhnhausen** had a stroke last fall. She is our oldest member, is living at home and not able to attend the club meetings. She would love visitors; please call ahead and let her know you are coming.

**New Business:** **Dissolution of the Evergreen District** – The Evergreen District is choosing to dissolve because there are not enough people interested in attending the district meetings or participating as officers. Many clubs have chosen not to belong to the district because there isn't the interest or the time to participate in the District, State and National meetings.

There will be a vote at the February meeting on what our club will chose to do. 1. Go on our own. 2. Join the Chuck-a-Nut District (Mount Vernon). 3. Become a Club at Large – remaining in the State and National group.

Discussion followed: Carol Jacques would like to see us chose to be a "Club at Large" and pay dues to get state and national news and magazine. Other members said they would miss the education and the social experience that belonging to the district provided. Many also realize that our lifestyles today are different from the past and most of us don't have the time to devote belonging to the district and state groups.

The **Blue Star Memorial** is sponsored by the Evergreen District, but with their dissolution, the Arlington Garden Club would like to take responsibility for upkeep of this memorial.

**This n' That:** **Kitty Fitch** shared a very large dried hydrangea blossom. She has many starts from this plant. **Nita Dew** brought an arrangement of pink winter heather in a fairy garden arrangement. **Dianne Jochimsen** brought a large bromeliad with pink flowers and variegated foliage.

Meeting adjourned at 12:12 pm.

Respectfully submitted by Chris Nielsen/Secretary