

Arlington Garden Club Board Meeting Minutes

October 3, 2018

The meeting was called to order by President Judy Ness at 10:05 am.

Present: Merle Green, Karen Ricketts, Libby Adams, Sharon Dittenberger, Penny Hanson, Mike Conner, Joyce Lybyer, Jack Lybyer, Laura Lane, Dorothy Johnson, Jan Hawley/Vice-pres., Barbara Lindberg/Treasurer, Chris Nielsen/Secretary, Judy Ness/President

Absent: Nancy Yonker, Rosalie Johansen, Georgia Johnson, Dorothy Johnson, Linda Monzo, Judy Headrick, Connie Gronning, Cheri Hanson

Minutes: The September Board Meeting minutes were approved as printed in the Scoop.

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

Checking balance as of 10/1/18 \$4,597.62

Cash on hand 200.00

AGC Business Savings 4,000.52

Checks for month of 9/2018 2,042.11

Deposits for month of 9/2018 1,515.00

Outstanding checks 349.55

Total of checking-cash-savings \$8,798.14

-The account at "Copy, Mail & More" has been replenished.

-**Holiday Garden Raffle Tickets** sold to-date: \$225.00. Need all club members to sell tickets to their friends and acquaintances.

-**Collection of Holiday Garden Gift Certificate for Giving Tree:** None have been turned in so far! Please have all certificates collected and turned in by end of October.

President's Comments: - There will be a sign up to purchase Biochar at the October meeting, if the response is not good we will try again in the Spring.

-**Donation to Arlington Arts Council event** of a planter, potting soil and \$25 Gift Certificate (from Sunnyside Nursery). Motion made for the club to include additional \$25 certificate for more plants from the AGC; moved by Jack Lybyer and seconded by Barb Lindberg. All in favor. Mike Conner will deliver the potting soil.

-**Christmas Party will be at Wild Rose Bistro** for the December meeting. The cost for the meal is \$19.25 plus tip. Discussion regarding cost and tip followed.

- **Norwegian Choir entertainment for the party.** Discussed whether the club should have the singers for the Christmas party or at one of the regular meetings. The Board decided to wait for a regular meeting to enjoy the choir because there is better acoustics at Gleneagle.

Committee Reports

Holiday Garden: -**Planning meetings** for Holiday Garden will be the following Friday's at 10:00 at Judy Ness's home: October 12, October 26, and November 9.

-**Cork Workshop #2** at 10:00, Thursday, October 18, at the Utility Building (where the Board Meeting is held). Bring hot glue gun, glue sticks, craft paint. Will be making more ornaments, concentrating on grape clusters and deer.

-Ace Hardware Day – Saturday, November 3:

8:00 – 4:00 Hand out Book Mark Reminders at front and back doors

9:00 – 4:00 Sell Raffle Tickets at front door

Sign-up at October member meeting.

-Cutting evergreens for wreaths and arrangements will be at Connie Gronning's on Thursday, November 8, at 10:00. Bring clippers, gloves, and totes for the greens. We'll also be wiring the greenery to wreath forms in preparation for decorations. Participants have been signed up.

-Potluck, decorating wreaths and making small arrangements on Wednesday, November 14, at 10:00 – 2:00 at Boys and Girls Club.

-Holiday Garden Signs: Gary Lindlof is putting up the signs the day before.

-Teardrop Flag: The club will purchase a second flag this year.

-Set Up for Holiday Garden on Friday, November 16, at 4:30. Pizza after.

Mayor's Garden: Joyce Lybyer had a work party in September: cleaned, weeded, divided plants and pruned. Spring bulbs will be planted after the general meeting on Monday. Joyce will contact Sarah Lopez at the city as to what they expect from the garden club concerning George Bolton's memorial space.

Blue Star Memorial Rest Stop: -Bea Randall and Carol visited the rest stop in between rains and found two or three plants dying, ordered more. They cleaned up the cigarette butts and plan to plant some spring bulbs, mostly daffodils. Does anyone have some spare bulbs or is there some money available?
-Mike Conner will contact the state to see if we can install a receptacle for the cigarette butts and possibly a bench. The Board also discussed eliminating the plants which don't grow well at that location.

Tree Planting Memorial: We are waiting until the sprinkler system is installed in Haller Park before planting a tree. The city changed their mind on what type of tree they want planted for the memorials. They do not want a dogwood and suggested a shade tree. Discussion followed. One tree could include several memorials. A motion was made by Karen Ricketts to include Gloria Carlson in this memorial along with Doris Markham and Annette Green. Joyce Lybyer seconded. All in favor.

Activities: **-Activity suggestions** from Karen Ricketts. A trip to Volunteer Park in Seattle which was fun and would be fun to do again.

Old Business: -Judy Ness looked at the portable speaker for the microphone and could not make a decision. Chris Nielsen and Cheri Hansen will look at the speakers after Monday's meeting.
-Don't forget the new start time for the member meetings is 11:20.

New Business: -Jan Hawley presented an idea from Deb Coffey who is the vendor coordinator for the Holiday Garden. We currently give a letter to the vendors who participate in the sale and some vendors have inquired about donating to the garden club because of the community service that we do. Deb suggested that, along with the letter, we enclose an envelope for a donation to the garden club and offering to send them a receipt. This opportunity will be worded so that it is totally voluntary and no pressure from us. A motion was made by Jack Lybyer and seconded by Mike Conner. All in favor.

-Move the club historical documents and photos to the storage shed. Put in totes. Discussion about moisture affecting the paper. Also suggested that a committee form to do the scanning and cataloguing since this is such an overwhelming job. Final objective: Digitize all and put in the cloud.

-Two pallets of bagged potting soil have been donated by Rite Aid in Stanwood. The pallets are located at the lot where the AGC shed is located and the soil is for the plant sale and the gardens that we maintain.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:50 am.

Respectfully submitted by Chris Nielsen, Secretary