

Arlington Garden Club Meeting minutes

April 9th, 2018

The meeting was called to order by President Judy Ness at 11:32am.

Minutes: Minutes of the March meeting were accepted as presented.

Financial: Barbara presented the financial report. It was accepted as presented.
New Arlington Garden Club badges cost \$10 each.

President's remarks: The new officers were approved for 2018-2019.
The Bylaws and Standing Rules are approved. Sherri named members who helped with the project and thanked them.

Committee Reports:

Membership: Welcome new members Pat Veale, Gary Lindlof, and Kristin Davis
Members can renew their membership at the meetings in April and May.

Activities: The upcoming activities have been covered in the previous meetings and Scoop. John gave some additional information on the Arboretum tour. The tour on April 16th will start at 10am and last for an hour. After the tour he suggests lunch at Fanny's in Marysville (505 Cedar Ave, A1), and proceeding to the tour gardens at his house.
On April 30th at 11am Gomer Thomas will demonstrate how to prune trees and raspberries.

Plant sale: Merle has plant sale flyers for anybody who wants to take some.
If members decide to dig up plants from their yards and pot them for the plant sale they should be delivered at 8 am on May 12th to Arlington City Hall. Bake sale items cannot be cream filled.
Mike has a pile of soil donated by WA Compost by his driveway under a brown tarp. Members are welcome to come and get needed amounts to use for plant sale items they are preparing. Connie has a thank you note for the donation for WA Compost.

Community service:

- The Mayor's Garden is blooming.
- The work party for the Blue Star Memorial is scheduled for April 21st at 10am.
- A few people signed up for the Stanwood Elementary potting day.
- Mike planted a new tree to replace of the dead one.

Kathy needs ten more people for potting day at Sunnyside Nursery. She requests volunteers to wear our logo and a name tag.

- Marilyn spoke of the walking group at the senior center that is coming up on Friday at 12:30pm. Members who are interested are asked to contact her.
- Aging Mastery Program classes are scheduled on five Wednesdays in May with lunch in between classes.
- The visit to Arlington Rehab is cancelled this month.

Old business: The place for Doris Markham's tree was suggested by the City between 3rd and 4th Ave on Centennial trail. Per Mike, the ground there is very hard. But the city is putting in an irrigation system in an area in Haller Park so we can plant trees there and they won't die due to lack of water.

New business:

- Ann announced information regarding the June Fling taking place on June 11th. Sign-up sheets are available for payment and for decorating the tables as four members are still needed to host tables. The decorations are not judged but have to highlight one type of flower. Linen can be borrowed from the restaurant. There will be no door prizes, instead we have the Silent Auction.
- Sherri talked about Girls' Night Out at Skagit Valley Gardens. It will take place on May 24th 6-8 pm. Tickets are \$5. The event is first come first served but Sherri can bring tickets to the next meeting for the interested members. The donations go to Forgotten Children's Fund. The event includes food, music and raffle.

- Tina invited members to check out the AGC website. Members who would like to share advice, write an article or a column, are welcome to contact Tina so she could post it on the Community Connections tab.
- Diane got the Facebook link working.
- Tina will run a photo contest for our yearbook cover. She is collecting photos, will display them in May and we vote for our favorite in June.
- Kai and Chris Nielsen will look into purchasing a microphone for use by our speakers.
- The Garden Club donated \$200 in the name of George Boulton to the Arlington Dollars for Scholars program.

Respectfully submitted by Irina Hensler/Secretary.