

Arlington Garden Club Board Meeting minutes ...

April 4, 2018

The meeting was called to order by President Judy Ness at 10:02am.

- Present: Mike Conner, Connie Gronning, Joyce Lybyer, Barbara Lindberg/Treasurer, Merle Green, Judy Headrick, Karen Ricketts, Nancy Yonker, Libby Adams, Sharon Dittenberger, Jack Lybyer, Georgia Johnson, Laura Lane, Dorothy Johnson, Penny Hanson, Jan Hawley/Vice-pres., Cheri Hansen, Chris Nielsen/Secretary, Judy Ness, President
- Absent: Irina Hensler
- Minutes: The March Board Meeting minutes were approved as printed in the Scoop.
- Financial Report: Barbara presented the financial report. It was accepted as presented. She handed out the Donation List from 2016/17. Discussion followed: Increasing the Scholarship amount by another \$1,000 was discussed but the group decided that it would stay at \$2,000; White Horse Trail is completed; Bonhoeffer Gardens eliminated; Increase Community Garden to \$100; It was moved to accept the Donation List for this year with the changes made above.
- New Projects: New projects were also discussed: A Memorial rose garden rather than planting memorial trees was proposed by Judy but is probably too work intensive. Connie suggested a perennial garden to include landscape roses would be easier to care for and look nice through the seasons.
- Some of the locations suggested for tree planting can't be prepared without extensive ground work. Mike suggested Haller Park because they are planning to install a water system so that area would be a good place for tree planting and there is room for more trees.
- No decisions were reached on new projects.
- Duty Lists for officers and chairpersons: Jan Hawley would like to have updated duty lists/job description for activity chairs and board positions so that people know what is expected of them. Merle Green is making up a Time Line and Duty List for the Plant Sale. Some of the older duty lists need to be revised.
- Presidents Comments: - Judy proposed a donation for the memorial to George Boulton. The donation will go to the Arlington Dollars for Scholars in the amount of \$200.00. A motion was made by Jack Lybyer and seconded by Connie Gronning .
- The club desperately needs a microphone for program presenters which can clip on clothes or a mouth piece over the ear so they can more easily do demonstrations and so the members can hear clearly in all parts of the room. Chris volunteered herself and Kai to research and purchase.
- Programs and Presenters: Cheri Hansen asked for ideas for presentation topics and speakers. Discussion and suggestions were made.
- June Fling: Remind members to bring Silent Auction items to the June Fling. Best if the form can be filled out ahead of time, especially if bringing several items and arrive early to set up before our party begins. A form will be attached to the Scoop so members can print and complete them before the meeting.

Committee Reports:

Activities:

- The **Swamp Lantern Festival** is scheduled for Thurs, **April 12**. It will take place in McCullum Park. Meet at 10:15 to carpool or drive self and be there by 11:00. Sign-up sheets will be available at Monday's meeting on the 9th.
- John Marsh will lead a tour in the **Evergreen Arboretum** on Mon, **April 16**, at 10 am. Information in the Scoop.
- The tour to walk around **Gomer's Fruit Orchard** is on Mon, **April 30**, at 11:00. There will be lunch served at 1:00.
- There will be a work party to **plant sedum boxes** at Judy's. The date is not set yet.

Plant Sale:

Merle has a supply of posters or you can print one from the website. If you haven't signed up for a shift or duty please do so; there are still openings available, plus you will have a good time visiting with customers and club members and sampling the baked goods and coffee and you can buy some plants too. Merle emphasized that there is a lot to do to set up the plants and make sure they are labeled properly so get there early; note the change in arrival time.

7:00 set up canopies and tables

8:00 plants need to arrive

8:30 bake sale items arrive

9:30 open to public

Community Service:

Mayor's Garden:

Recent dead-heading and pruning have been done. Some plants are blooming. Looks good!

Blue Star Memorial:

Work Party for the Blue Star Memorial Rest Stop on I-5 for Saturday, **April 21**, at 10:00.

Stanwood

All set to go on Wed, **May 9**, at **2:00** after the Board Mtg. Full report in May.

Elementary School:

Community Senior

Outreach:

Activities were planned for March at Arlington Rehab but many residents were sick with the flu so the craft day was called off. This month volunteers are needed on Wednesday at **2pm, April 25**.

Lebanon Park:

Daffodils and others are in bloom.

Tree Planting

A tree was planted along the trail directly west of the downtown Post Office to replace a tree that died.

Memorial:

Potting Day @

Sunnyside Nursery

Saturday, May 26: Help customers plant their purchases and get 10% off plants and 50% off pots yourself for helping or bring your own pots and buy plants.

New Business:

- Marie Waller will be installing the officers at the June Fling.
- Mike will buy four new Costco Tables for the plant sale now that we have the shed and can store them.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:44am.

Respectfully submitted by Chris Nielsen, Secretary