

# Arlington Garden Club Board Meeting Minutes

March 6, 2019

The meeting was called to order by President Judy Ness at 9:58 am.

Present: Judy Ness/President, Jan Hawley/Vice-pres., Barbara Lindberg/Treasurer, Chris Nielsen/Secretary, Kitty Fitch, Sandy McDaniel, Cheri Hansen, Joyce Lybyer, Laurie Marshall, Sharon Dittenberger, Libby Adams, Karen Ricketts, Georgia Johnson, Ann Ostrander, Jack Lybyer, Judy Headrick, Connie Gronning, Merle Green

Absent: Penny Hanson, Rosalie Johansen, Nancy Yonker

Blue Star Memorial: + Judy introduced Major Mike Blue, USAF, in charge of ROTC cadets at Arlington High School. He has asked four of the cadets to assist the garden club in excavating the Blue Star Memorial Garden and preparing it for replanting.  
+ AGC member Meg Jacobsen will design the new layout.  
+ The start date will depend on when the state OK's the project; this may take until September.  
+ We will need a liaison member between the club and the ROTC group.

Financial Report: Barbara presented the financial report. It was accepted as presented.  
Checking balance as of 2/28/2019 \$6,276.82  
Cash on hand ..... 200.00  
AGC Business Savings ..... 4,000.68  
Total of checking-cash-savings ..... \$10,477.50  
+Everett Arboretum donation has been \$50 - have been raised by \$100.  
+There are still two more donated barrel planters. Per Judy Headrick, do not put at the bench site at the Oso slide.  
+ AGC donations were reviewed that are due to be paid for the remainder of the 2018/2019 year. We'll be increasing the FFA donation to each of the four high schools to \$200 each.

Presidents  
Comments: **Regarding our new standing as an Independent Garden Club.**  
+ Connie Gronning checked with her accountant about our designation as a non-profit with a 501c3 and he said that our nonprofit designation is between the Arlington Garden Club and the state. Nothing will change with that.  
+ Judy noted that several items in the By-Laws will need to be changed.  
+ There are also changes that need to be made to the web-site.  
+ During the Evergreen District Meeting that Judy and Jan attended last week president Marie **Waller** said that she is not worried that the independent clubs will be able to continue on their own without guidance from the district. Officers that attended from the clubs agreed to keep in touch with each other by email and notify the other clubs about their activities and invited the other clubs to attend each other's meetings.  
**Metro Bench that was damaged this past year.** Judy noted that the city will be replacing the bench at no cost to the garden club.  
**Another source for BioChar:** Judy has found a source in Bellingham for BioChar. She will check with them and report at the general meeting.

- June Fling Ann Ostrander on the progress of the committee. There will be a signup sheet at the next two meetings to sign up to attend and to pre-pay \$20 for the meal.
- Plant Sale
- + **Bookmarks** for the Plant Sale will be available at each upcoming meeting.
  - + If you have a **tea pot that you would like to donate** to the Plant Sale bring it to Judy Ness's on April 18th at **11:00**. A hole will be drilled in the bottom for drainage and you will plant succulents in the tea pot to sell at the Plant Sale.
  - + **Planting tea pots and planter boxes at Judy Ness's, Thurs, April 18<sup>th</sup> at 10:00.**
  - + Kathy Pickett and husband Curt have made **20 planter boxes** which will be stained and planted by volunteers for the Plant Sale.
  - + If you want a **flyer to distribute for advertising the Plant Sale**, please use the copy in the Scoop or on the website to download and copy what you need.
  - + **Setup of the Plant Sale:** We have permission from the city to expand our sale into the parking lot next to the Mayor's Garden
  - + **At the Plant Sale:** After members have unloaded their plants for the sale please park away from the parking lot and the main street area. The Farmer's Market will be having a sale on the same day at the other end of the parking lot and we will be using part of the parking area next to the Mayor's Garden for our sale. We want to make sure there is plenty of parking for customers in the parking lot and on the street.
  - + **General setup** will be lead by Tina Wilson. We need more people to help in the setup. We will need help from the high school kids prior, during and after the sale.
  - + **Label your plants** please. See sample suggestion for plant tags in the Scoop.
  - + Please make **baked goods** to sell for donation at the Plant Sale. Everyone likes a little treat. Whole cakes and pies sell very well. Remember, no refrigeration available so no cream pies or cakes with cream filling.
- Activities:
- + **Two trips to Cascadia Iris Garden** are planned - one for May and the second near the end of August. Dates will be finalized and signup sheets available after the holidays.
  - + **Victoria Trip** – A tentative date has been set for Wednesday, June 26.
- Community Garden:
- Beth Countryman with the city is in charge of the new Community Garden. Our club would like to suggest something to honor Bea and Chuck Randall for all their work on the original Community Garden; possibly a History Board or a piece of artwork.
- Old Business:
- + Is the **storage shed and contents** covered by our insurance?
  - + With the dissolution of the Evergreen District and the change in our dues obligation **should our club change the dues for members as follows:** Single membership \$15 (no change) **Spousal** couple membership \$20 (new). The Board voted in favor of bringing this change to the club members for a vote.
  - + The club needs to announce earlier in the year our **scholarship for students** taking agricultural or environmental studies.
  - + The time of year is coming up to **clean up the gardens** that our club is in charge of. Judy has a "sharps" container which she got from the **Arlington Police Dept.** Take this container when you clean up any of these areas.

New Business:

+ We are exploring an **alternate way of honoring members** of the garden club who have passed away. It seems that tree planting has run its course (not enough room in the city). The Board is exploring alternatives such as a stone memorial dedicated to all AGC members that have died in the past and in the future.

+ Laura Watson, aka The Clematis Lady, who has spoken to our club several times, is now a **certified instructor in pruning**. She charges a fee of \$150. Should we call her to teach a class for the group? We would need a club member's yard that needs pruning to volunteer for this activity/event.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:43 am.

Respectfully submitted by Chris Nielsen, Secretary