

Arlington Garden Club Meeting Minutes

February 18, 2019

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

Minutes: January general meeting minutes were accepted as presented in the Scoop.

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

Checking Bal as of 1/31.....\$6,091.98
Cash on hand.....200.00
Savings.....4,000.65
Total of check-cash-savings \$10,292.63

We need ideas for AGC donations to horticultural or environmental organizations.

President's remarks: + We have ten members signed up for cash rebate from Fred Meyer. This month we earned \$64.
+ Thank you to Karen Ricketts, Connie Gronning, Judy Headrick and Jack Lybyer for making the phone calls to alert members of the meeting date change this month.
+ Does anyone have teapots they would like to donate for planters to be sold at the Plant Sale?
+ The Farmer's Market is having a "special sale" on the same day as our Plant Sale. Discussion followed: Is this going to affect our Plant Sale? The Farmer's Market will be at the south end of the parking lot. This could be either a hindrance or a benefit to our sales. More will be discussed at the next Board Meeting.

Committee Reports

Membership: + Our guests today were Thelma Sayers brought by Judy Ness, Margaret Monzo Ruthford and Kathleen Burnett. We have 111 members in our club. Libby can make new name tags if your tag reflects a club position you are not holding any longer or if you are a new committee chairman or officer.

Activities: + The trip to Bellingham to **Stephanie Burgess's shop for Peace Art** has been moved to Wednesday, March 13th. Contact Karen Ricketts if you want to carpool (meet at the Club House by 10:00 am).
+ There will be a sign-up sheet at the March meeting for the **May 25 Sunnyside Potting Day**. Kathy Engle is chairperson for this event.

Programs: + Cheri Hansen announced that the program for today's meeting changed due to the change in the meeting date. Bea Randall will be speaking on "Gardening for a Lifetime" based on a book by Sydney Eddison.

June Fling: + Ann Ostrander will be collecting \$20 next month, as well as today, from members who will be attending **the June Fling**. Begin collecting things that you want to bring to our Silent Auction fundraiser.

Plant Sale: + Connie Gronning's brother will be making **wooden pots** for the sale and we will be staining and planting these pots.
+ The **sign-up sheet for your time to work** during the plant sale will be at the greeter's table before the meetings.

Community Service: + Marilyn Enright reported on the **Senior Center classes** that are being offered this winter and spring. Call her at the Stilly for more information and location of classes - 360-653-4551.

Old Business:

- + **Dissolution of the Evergreen District:** Bea Randall and a few other members spoke on their perspective regarding the dissolution of the Evergreen District. A vote by ballot was taken and counted. The majority of the membership voted to become an independent club.
- + In March the club will vote on whether to change the dues structure to \$15 for a single member and \$20 for a spousal couple.
- + A possible day trip to the Butchart Gardens on Vancouver Island is being planned for warmer weather. The cost will be around \$250 per person. No plans have been made yet; this is only a survey to see if there is enough interest. If your spouse is interested in coming please sign them up as well.

New Business:

- + The remaining 25 bags of **Biochar** will be for sale for \$15 - pick up at the club shed on **March 14th from 10:00 to noon**. At the same time, members may also pick up bags of **potting soil** at no cost when used for potting plants for the Plant Sale.
- + Membership is asked to come up with idea for a piece of **art in honor of Chuck & Bea Randall** and their many years of work on the old Community Garden. This artwork will be placed at the new Community Garden on 2nd & French. Judy sent an e-mail to a metal artist to help with ideas and to produce.
- + The **Blue Star Memorial** at the I-5 rest stop has been a project that the Evergreen District sponsored but Arlington Garden Club members have been the ones that have done the work on it. With the dissolution of the Evergreen District, The Arlington Garden Club will now find a partner organization to help with the upkeep.

This n' That:

- + Diane Jochimsen showed her dried flower arrangement from amaryllis blossoms.
- + Mike Conner showed his very tall, gorgeous, red amaryllis.
- + Nancy Rambo showed her bouquet, some flowers were from her garden and some from friends.

Meeting adjourned at 12:05pm

Respectfully submitted by Chris Nielsen/Secretary