

Arlington Garden Club Board Meeting Minutes

April 3, 2019

The meeting was called to order by President Judy Ness at 10:03 am.

- Present** Judy Ness/President, Jan Hawley/Vice-president, Barbara Lindberg/Treasurer, Chris Nielsen/Secretary, Sharon Dittenberger, Penny Hanson, Nancy Yonker, Kitty Fitch, Sandra McDaniel, Mike Conner, Dorothy Johnson, Joyce Lybyer, Jack Lybyer, Laurie Marshall, Connie Gronning, Libby Adams
- Absent** Karen Ricketts, Judy Headrick, Cheri Hansen, Linda Wallitner, Rosalie Johansen
- Financial Report** Barbara presented the financial report. It was accepted as presented.
Barbara Lindberg
Checking balance as of 3/31/2019 \$6,296.85
Cash on hand 200.00
AGC Business Savings 4,000.71
Total of checking-cash-savings \$10,163.86
Barbara looked into the possibility of AGC accepting debit/credit cards for the Plant Sale. Several members commented that “Square” is cheaper and easier. Members raised the question “Is there a need for the club to do this?” It was suggested that this year at the Plant Sale the cashiers take a tally. How many customers would use a debit or credit card for their purchase?
- President’s Comments** + **A poster has been made for the Potting Day at Sunnyside Nursery**
Judy Ness
May 25. A copy of this poster will be for members available online. Please use the copy on the website to download and copy what you need.
+ Judy suggested making “**Kindness Gifts**” of flower arrangements to present to various community organizations in and around Arlington. July or August would be the prime time to make the arrangements using flowers from our gardens.
+ **The Farmers Market** – Any members interested in manning the “info” booth to talk about gardening 10am- 2pm starting June 1st and once or twice a month until the end of summer?
- Membership** + A table will be set up at the meeting to collect dues. Registration for **renewing members** is: \$15 for single and \$20 for spousal couple. Registration for **new members joining in April or May** registration is: \$20 single and \$25 for spousal couple.
Libby Adams
- 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 at the club meetings.
Karen Ricketts
+ **Victoria Trip** – The date has been set for Wednesday, June 26. The cost is \$262 each person, plus cost of bus round trip.
- Hospitality** + We are expanding Hospitality to make sure that new people are greeted, welcomed and not left alone.
Kitty Fitch
- June Fling** + Final day for signing up and payment is May 25th.

Plant Sale

Merle Green

+ Connie suggested purchasing, or asking for donations, from Fred Meyer or other retailers for fuchsia starts or others plants for the planter boxes and other items we make for the Plant Sale.

+ Preparing items for the Plant Sale:

April 16th – Tuesday, 10:00: Planting cedar planters at Kristi Fina's.

April 18th – Thursday, 11:00: Planting of tea pots, pitchers, etc. at Judy's.

+ **Book Marks** for the Plant Sale will be handed out at Ace Hardware on **Saturday, May 4th**. Sign-up sheet for two hour time slots will be at the greeters table.

+ **Save boxes** for customers to carry their plants.

+ Judy Headrick is heading the **Bake Sale** part of the PS. Don't price the items; donations are usually more. No cream fillings or items that need refrigeration.

+ Access to the restrooms in the city building is for AGC members only. Direct the public to the restrooms at the park.

Community Service

Jack Lybyer

+ **Mayor's Garden** – Joyce Lybyer: Dead headed and cut off spent flowers. Tilled the open soil and will do more before the Plant Sale. The city appreciated the \$300 donation.

+ **Lebanon Park** – Mike Conner: Will be working on the park soon.

+ **Sunnyside Nursery Potting Day** – Kathy Engell: Potting Day is May 25th from 10:00 to 4:00. Most of the morning time slots are filled but need more volunteers for mid-day and afternoon. Sign-up at the greeting table.

+ **Tree Planting/Memorial** – Diane Jochimsen: Planted daffodils in pots near the Oso Memorial site. They should be blooming now.

+ **Blue Star Memorial** – There is no water available for the planting area. The question is what to plant that will survive and will look nice? Mike is contacting the State.

+ **Community Garden** – The name for the NEW garden is "The 3rd Street Garden". There will be an interpretive sign there in honor of Bea and Chuck Randall. Any members interested in helping kids work in the garden?

+ **AGC Memorial Committee** – Connie Gronning is heading up a committee to replace tree planting with a memorial.

Nominating Committee

+ Marilyn Enright volunteered to be Secretary for next year.

Old Business

+ **Scholarships** – Notices have been sent to high schools that have FFA programs but any student that is interested in pursuing agriculture or environmental science degree can apply for this scholarship. Members felt that the counselors are not informing all the students. Jack Lybyer made a motion that we add Marysville Pilchuck High School to our list. Connie Gronning seconded. All in favor.

+ **Centennial Trail** – Teams that formed to spruce up the trail will go out again. Diane Jochimsen is gathering the information. We will also bring wheelbarrows and shovels and fill with potting soil and mix in Biochar and go along the trail and fertilize the trees.

+ We will not be pursuing the **pruning class** at this time.

New Business

+ It was suggested that we ask the Landscape Committee at Gleneagle how we can help with the garden at the building entrance, and what would they like to see happen.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:42 am.

Respectfully submitted by Chris Nielsen, Secretary