

**Garden Club Federation of Pennsylvania
Executive Committee Meeting**

October 12, 2020

Via ZOOM

The Executive Committee Meeting of the Garden Club Federation of Pennsylvania (GCFP) was called to order by **President Joyce Milberg** at 12:46 p.m. on Monday, October 12, 2020. This meeting was held online via the Zoom portal. .

Present were: Vivian Abel, Barbara Andrus, Marilyn Backus, Kay Bair, Claudia Bernardo, Barbara Brand, Sharon Bryner, Barbara Campbell, Joyce Crider, Sheila Croushore, Marcy Cunkelman, Nancy Cuttic, Janice Davis, Maryann Desanto, Georgieann Dettinburn, Karen Faust, Jo Anne Fogelman, Nancy Lambert Fulk, Bonita Herman, Mary Hetrick, Tom Huston, Lee Ann Ishman, Claire Leichliter, **President Joyce Milberg**, Linda Morrison, Lori Pancione, Renee Ramsay, Rosemary Romboski, Leeanna Ryba, Marjorie Sears, Deb Stumpf, Margaret Wolff, Karen Wychock, and Tonya Young. Also present (non-voting) were GCFP Headquarters Secretary Elizabeth Pinkham as host and moderator, and Investment Advisor Mary Heltzel.

President Milberg announced that a quorum was present, and welcomed everyone.

Recording Secretary Barbara Brand reported that the minutes of the Executive Committee held on June 29, 2020 were approved and distributed electronically, and are filed in the GCFP Minutes Book.

Treasurer Joyce Crider gave a summary of the GCFP Financial Activity from 06/30/2020 to 09/30/2020, and the Asset Summary as of 09/30/2020. Income was \$56,113.64: expenditures were \$32,051.12. She thanked the 2020 Convention committee for managing to cancel the convention and still forward to GCFP \$730.24. Balance in the checking account is \$28,557.56. She reviewed the status of the Past President's pin: the jeweler will have to make a new mold at no cost. **President Milberg** noted that once we have a price from Leitzel's Jewelers there will be an electronic vote by the Board.

Financial Secretary Nancy Lambert Fulk reported the following balances in the 1st National Bank checking account:

Beginning balance as of 06/01//2020	\$100
Receipts: Deposits from club dues	\$29,215.00
Disbursements::Transfer to Treasurer	<u>(\$29,215.00)</u>
Balance in checking account as of 09/30/2020	\$100

Investment Advisor Mary Heltzel reported on the current investment market. The investment account total at this time is \$533,345; income from investments is \$31,000, a 5.8% yield. Cash total in the account will be raised to \$30,000. She recommends investing \$36,000 by purchasing one bond, a preferred stock and a group of fixed income investments.

President Milberg requested approval of recommendations from the Finance and Investment Committee.

- The recommendation from the Finance and Investment Committee is to approve payment of \$275 (our portion being \$181.50) to Upper Perkiomen Valley Garden Club to reimburse the amount spent as penalty and to reinstate their 501-c-3 status. **Approved**
- The recommendation from the Finance and Investment Committee is to move from a \$900 annual maintenance contract on our office printer to "as needed" service calls. **Approved**
- Ratify the recommendation to invest \$36,000 in a Tower Health bond and two preferred stocks. **Approved**

New Business:

President Milberg reported that NGC's webpage committee has asked to have contact email address listed for each club in Pennsylvania. Currently, contacts go to our headquarters office, and are forwarded to District Directors. **Vice President Sheila Croushore** reviewed the discussion held at the recent District Director's meeting. District Directors prefer to keep the current structure of forwarding contacts. They suggest having each club listed on the webpage map, but with the Headquarters email address as the contact for all of them.

- Approve that NGC be allowed to contact GCFP club presidents directly. **Not Approved**

President Milberg reviewed the timing of selection of the District's Nominating Committee members, and the ratification of the Nominating Committee Chairman. She asked for ratification of the following actions:

- Ratify the appointment of Diane Hughes as Chairman of the Nominating Committee for 2021-2023. **Approved**
- Ratify the District Nominating Committee members appointed for 2021-2023 **Approved**

President Milberg asked Joyce Crider to discuss the status of the GCFP 2021 Convention. **2021 Convention Chairman Crider** announced that the physical (in-person) convention has been rescheduled for 2024; The Doubletree Hotel and Convention Center has agreed to this, and it will avoid any fees for cancelling the 2021 event. Instead, the 2021 Convention will be held on the same dates, April 18-20, 2021 as a virtual convention via Zoom. We will follow the example of CAR-SGC in presenting their upcoming programs via Zoom.

- Approve cancellation of the live 2021 Convention and holding the event via Zoom. **Approved**

Announcements

President Milberg reiterated that the 2020 CAR-SGC Conference has been cancelled. Please encourage club members to attend their virtual event later this month. She reminded everyone of the NGC Plant America Grant application deadline coming up soon. She also reminded everyone that the NGC Convention in May 2021 has also been cancelled.

In response to a question, she stated that today's meeting that was to take place at the Wyndham State College did not incur any fees.

The meeting was adjourned at 1:38 p.m.

Barbara Brand

GCFP Recording Secretary