

The Virginia Beach Garden Club
General Membership Meeting
The Princess Anne Country Club
April 20, 2016

Attendance: 58

The meeting was called to order at 10:35am. Becky Mason gave the collect. March minutes were then approved.

President Strickler called on **Emily Mills, HGW** who began by congratulating Ellen Sinclair, featured artist and organizer of "The Painted Garden" art show and sale which complemented the garden tour. Art sales had so far grossed over \$15,000, 25% of which goes to VBGC. Emily encouraged all members to promote and enjoy the tour.

Officer Reports: Ann Crenshaw, Ass't. Treasurer described how tickets would be sold at the tour homes. Ann then presented the 2016-17 budget as reviewed at the March meeting, detailing ways and means as well as operating expenses. Ellen Sinclair inquired about the source of our Camp Grom donation. Ann clarified the point that some of the ways and means funds had been carried over from the previous year. Ann then moved that the budget be approved. Having board approval, the motion needed no second and was carried. The March financial report was distributed. **Mac Houfek, Nominating** read the slate of officers for the year 2016-17 and moved that they be approved as read: President, Molly III; Vice President, Lou Flowers; Treasurer, Ann Crenshaw; Assistant Treasurer, Ann Malbon; Recording Secretary, Weegee Mantz and Corresponding Secretary, Katherine Richardson. The slate of officers was approved. **Latane Brown, Corresponding Secretary** reminded members that a letter needed to be submitted in the case of three absences. Latane then proceeded to read an introduction regarding three proposed new members: P.J. Barton, Alice Koisol and Beth Munford. Ballots were distributed to active members and all three were voted into the membership. **Demaris Yearick, Community Projects** reviewed, once more, upcoming donations to local projects including The Adam Keeling Meadow - \$1,000; Beach House - \$250; First Landing Bench - \$1,500; and Camp Grom - \$30,375.00. Member, Meg French, landscape designer, presented her drawings of our contribution to Camp Grom, The Healing Garden. **Kay Shiflett, FFF** encouraged the purchase of this year's lilies. She then asked for extra effort in pre-selling pansies for the Fall Flower Festival. Jodie Berndt distributed the sales folders. **Betsy Cromwell, Conservation** called attention to the advantages of killing mosquitoes and their larvae with "BTI" a deterrent supported by Lynnhaven River Now. **Nancy Freeman, Horticulture** thanked the members who brought in horticulture and encouraged full participation in the May plant exchange.

New Business: President Strickler called for a change to standing rule #3, raising the limit of discretionary spending, without membership approval, from \$200 to \$400. A voice vote was taken and the change was approved. **Sandra Baylor** encouraged attendance at a presentation by NBG Michael Desplaines April 21 and a concert benefitting the food bank on May 12 at Galilee Church. **Betsy Agelasto** reminded members to visit "Lantern Asia" before its close and to support the Junior Club's flower sale held this afternoon. **Tina Minter** showed a photo of the 100th birthday celebration of honorary member, Charlotte DeShields.

Molly III introduced member **Connie Owen, Historian** who wowed the club with a slide presentation of the year's activities. After the show, complete with popcorn, **President Strickler** thanked **Weegee Mantz** and **Wanda Sellers** for the excellent job they have done this year planning lunches and hospitality at the meetings. The meeting was adjourned at 11:55am for lunch.

Lou Flowers, Recording Secretary

