

The Virginia Beach Garden Club
General Membership Meeting
Wednesday, April 18, 2018
Princess Anne Country Club

Attendance: Active Members: 54 Associates: 3 Luncheon: 57

The meeting was called to order by President Molly Ill at 10:30 a.m. She welcomed all to the meeting and the collect was read by Carol Temple. The March minutes stood approved.

Officer and Committee Reports

Treasurer, Ann Crenshaw distributed the 2018-2019 Budget to the Club. Ann moved on behalf of the Finance Committee and with the approval of the Board that the VBGC accept the Budget as presented. A vote was taken and the Budget was approved. Ann noted that the Finance Report was on Jane's Booth. All receipts for reimbursements are due the end of April. Receipts for HGW reimbursement must be turned in the afternoon of the tour to the Treasurers. General Funds: \$58,428.03; Ways and Means: \$9,869.94; Small Flower Show Fund: \$1,500; Total Balance: \$69,797.97.

VBGC Fund- \$100,000. **HGW, Joan Stumborg** thanked Ellen Sinclair and Demaris Yearick for their work on the Painted Garden Art Show. She also thanked the Parrotts for their sponsorship. To date, thirteen paintings have sold totally over \$11,000. Joan and Mary Keogh will be on WHRO "Hearsay" radio show with Cathy Lewis on April 18th. Joan will be featured in the **Close-up** section of the **Virginian Pilot Beacon**. The HGW wrap-up meeting will be held May 29th at Joan's home. **Community Projects, Donna Haycox** distributed the 2018 Proposed Community Projects and moved on behalf of CPC that funds be allocated for the Projects. The projects included Buff's Garden, \$1,000; VB Middle Butterfly Garden \$150; Camp Grom, \$425; CBF Oyster Cages, \$1,500; GCA Scholarship Fund, \$1,000; Lesner Bridge Sculpture, \$5,000; Mary's Garden, \$4,000; Norfolk Botanical Garden, \$5,000; Virginia Beach Education Fund; \$1,925 and donations to GCV Fund, LRN, Nature Camper and Scenic VA for a total of \$21,150. A vote was taken and the motion carried. Donna thanked her committee for their hard work. Donna noted that **Camp Grom** has been planted and furniture has arrived. **Horticulture, Nancy Freeman** announced horticulture winners and encouraged members to bring plants for the Plant Exchange at the May meeting. **Horticulture Field Day** is June 5-6 in Lynchburg. The **Propagation Workshop** is June 13th at Donna Eure's home. **NBG** will have their Plant Sale May 4-6. Nancy was excited to announce that **Connie Owen, Lee Trant** and **Jane Booth** were all ribbon winners at the **GCV Daffodil Day Show**. **Conservation, Allison McDuffie** noted Earth Day is this Saturday at Mt. Trashmore with recycling available. All Saints Church will host a recycling event April 28th. The **LRN Oyster Roast** is April 21st. Those interested in the LRN newsletter, please email Karen Forget and request to be added to their email list. Conservation Tip from **Margrit Cocoran-** Rothy's shoes are comfortable, stylish and made from recycled bottles. **FFF, Jodie Berndt** and her committee reviewed FFF and reminded the membership that the FFF will be held October 2-3 at the Convention Center. Presale folders were reviewed. Presale will end June 11th. **ByLaws and Standing Rules** changes were distributed. These changes included **ByLaws Article IV** and **Article XIV** as well as **Standing Rules Changes for Rules #1, #6 and #12**. A vote was taken and all changes passed. **Nomination Committee, Mary Denny** read the **Slate of Officers** for 2018-2020 and moved that they be approved as read: **President, Lou Flowers; Vice President, Latane Brown; Treasurer, Ann Malbon; Assistant Treasurer, Emily Mills; Recording Secretary, Allison McDuffie and Corresponding Secretary, Jane Booth**. The slate of officers was approved. **Membership-**The following

members will be Associates next year: **Betsy Agelasto, Susan Gentry, Julie MacKinlay, Becky Mason and Jean Marie Randolph.** **Admissions, Emily Mills** thanked her committee and read introductions of the six proposed new members: **Michelle Adams, Joan Berlin, Susan Gill, Joan Wagner, Elizabeth Ware and Jennie Ware.** Ballots were distributed to all Active members. **JVBGC, Laura Kraus**-the Junior Flower Sale begins today at Esoteric. **New Business and Announcements:** Lee Moomaw, past member of the VBGC passed away. Lee was instrumental in planning many of the VBGC projects that still exist today including the Coastal Woodland Retreat at the VA Aquarium. The online vote for the **GCV Bessie Bocock Carter Conservation Award** was a success. The club voted for the **Fred Beazley Outdoor Classroom at Paradise Creek** proposed by the **Elizabeth River Garden Club.** Molly reminded all Officers and Committee Chairs to update their notebooks. Notebooks with timelines and 2 copies of reports should be submitted at the May meeting. **Lou Flowers** and **Holli Wachtmeister** will be attending the **Annual GCA Meeting in San Francisco** next week. The **2018 Daffodil Collection** orders are being taken on Jane's Booth. All members please make sure to pick up your HGW ticket.

Announcements

Emily Mills announced that all six proposed new members were voted into membership and requested that proposers see her to pick up invitations. **Mary's Garden Calladium Sale** fundraiser is on Jane's Booth. **Awards, Julie MacKinlay** asked that those award winners from last year return the trophies to her before the May meeting. **Karen Woodard** presented a wonderful year end slide show, complete with popcorn.

Molly III adjourned the meeting for the luncheon at 12:23 p.m.

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Recording Secretary