

Virginia Beach Garden Club

General Membership Meeting

October 19, 2016

Princess Anne Country Club

Meeting attendance: 79 Luncheon: 50

President, Molly Ill, called the meeting to order at 10:30 a.m. The president welcomed all, including associates, Junior Club rep. Julie Liebler and our speaker, Joshua Wright. The collect was then given by Betty Sundin. In membership news, Becky Mason's son was married and Donna Haycox's father passed away. The September minutes stood approved.

Officer Reports: The Treasurer's financial report is located on Jane's Booth. **Ann Crenshaw** is available to answer any questions members may have. General Funds: \$16,531.26; Ways and Means: \$30,016.47; GCV Fund: \$1,116.28; Small Flower Show: \$1,500; Horticulture Speaker Fund: \$1,500 for a total balance of \$50,664.01. **Ann Malbon, Assistant Treasurer** requested that all receipts and deposits for the FFF be submitted by October 31st. Molly thanked **Katherine Richardson** for a wonderful job on the Groundcover. The president reminded members to submit information to be included in the Groundcover at least one week prior to monthly meetings.

Committee Reports: Allison McDuffie, Conservation announced that she will be collecting various types of plastic bags and batteries to recycle. She reminded the membership that every effort to recycle has a positive impact on conservation in our area. Allison noted two upcoming events: **City Council**

Candidates Forum, Oct 20th and **LRN Fall Festival and Expo, Oct 22nd**. **Audrey Parrott, FFF** extended her deep appreciation to every participant in the FFF. She especially thanked **Susan Gentry** for her propagation of the Dale Henderson primula and **Demaris Yearick** for her beautiful primula painting. Job openings for next year include publicity and snacks. **Nominating Committee, Mary Denny** announced the following slate of eight nominees for the **Admissions Committee: Nancy Freeman, Martha Goodman, Chic GronesGall, Joan Lyons, Kate Michaels, Joan Stumborg, Karen Woodard and Susan Wynne**. The membership was asked to vote for four nominees. **Community Projects: Camp Grom**-the membership was thanked for their generous donations of \$2,828 towards benches and chairs to be installed in the garden. **Joan Stumborg, HGW** circulated sign-up sheets and noted that pictures will be available soon. Members were reminded to RSVP by the appropriate date to the Meeting Arrangements Committee. **Cheryl Jordan, VBGC Fund** encouraged members to continue to support the fund and "Help Our Garden Grow". The **Virginia Beach Aquarium** sign-ups and the **GCV Directories** are located at Jane's Booth.

New Business: Checks for the November 15th **Flower Arranging Workshop** may be made out to **VBGC** and submitted to **Becky Mason**. The workshop is currently full, but there is a waitlist available. The **Holiday Party, Dec.10th** payments are being collected by **Audrey Parrott**. The **GCN Greens Galore and So Much More Greenery Sale** will be held on December 1st; pre-orders are due by Nov 1st. **PAGC Party in the Park, Oct. 29th** tickets are being sold by **Meg Campbell**. **PAGC** is the host for the **GCV Board of Governors Meeting**. Many thanks to Linda Strickler, Julie McKinlay, Mary Denny, Betty Miles and Donna Eure for kindly organizing the box lunches for the **GCV BOG** on Thursday.

Nancy Freeman, Delegate for the GCA Zone VII Meeting: Molly noted that the meeting included wonderful tours, speakers and hospitality by the Albemarle GC. Nancy thanked the members who entered horticulture and recognized ribbon winners. She was excited to announce that our club won a **blue ribbon** in the **Club Challenge Class** for our **Texas Bird Pepper plant**. The Challenge Class requires that clubs grow plants from seeds that Thomas Jefferson once used.

Lou Flowers introduced our program speaker, **Joshua Wright, The Country Vintner** who presented "Celebrating Virginia Wine Month", which included an optional wine tasting.

Announcements: Following the program the **Admissions Committee** election results were announced. The following nominees were elected: **Nancy Freeman, Chic GronesGall, Kate Michaels** and **Susan Wynne**. Molly thanked Demaris for the amazing primula painting. The club's participation in the **Pearl Homes Program** is now 100 percent.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:45 for lunch.

Weege Mantz, Recording Secretary

