

Virginia Beach Garden Club

General Membership Meeting

September 21, 2016

The Princess Anne Country Club

Meeting attendance: 64 Luncheon: 53

President Molly Ill called the meeting to order at 10:34 a.m.; the collect was then given by Julie MacKinlay. The president welcomed all, including associates, new members P J Barton, Alice Koziol and Beth Munford, and the Junior Club rep. Julie Liebler. The club was commended for the hard work the members performed over the summer. New additions this year included a new hospitality table and a newly formatted Groundcover. Katherine Richardson was commended for the Groundcover's new format. Members were requested to please send in any information for the Groundcover two weeks before the Monday of the meeting week. May minutes stood approved.

Officer Reports: Lou Flowers, Vice President noted that today's speaker was unable to attend due to severe flooding. Lou reviewed this year's programs in the yearbook. The Holiday Party has been changed to Dec 10th. **Ann Crenshaw, Treasurer** referred members to the hospitality table for information concerning financial statements and noted that the reports will continue to be located there throughout the year. General Funds: \$17,180.84; Ways and Means: \$30,016.47; GCV Fund: \$1,116.28; Small Flower Show Fund: \$1,500; and Horticulture Speaker: \$1,500 for a total balance of \$51,313.59.

Committee Reports: Kay Shiflett, FFF noted that some of **Mac Houfek's** favorite plants listed in her book will be available at the FFF. **Mac Houfek and Demaris Yearick** will work together at a new booth. **Kate Michaels, FFF** encouraged members to provide small terra cotta pots for topiaries and bulb plantings. Members should bring labeled plants for **Roots and Shoots**. **Susan Gentry** has divided Dale Henderson's Primula into 80 plants for Roots and Shoots. **Karen Woodard** was thanked for her work on the flyers. **Jodie Berndt** recognized the top pansy sellers, **Mary Whit Haycox, Susan Wynne** and **Tina Minter**. Chairman's Choice Award was awarded to **Chic GronesGall**. Information for the day of the sale was discussed. **Second Hand Rose, Margrit Corcoran** thanked everyone for their contributions and reviewed acceptable items. **President Ill** thanked **Chic GronesGall** for her work on the yearbook and **Meredith Rutter** for updating the directory on the website. **Allison McDuffie, Conservation-** thanked **Tina Minter** for helping to organize the Nature Camper program. A thank you note from the camper was read. **Allison, Molly Ill, Anne Wright** and **Betsy Agelasto** enjoyed attending the Conservation workshop in Richmond. **Allison** is committed to encouraging all members to use reusable grocery bags this year. **Kate Michaels, Horticulture** standing in for **Nancy Freeman** noted a November 9th **GCV** horticulture workshop in Richmond on heirloom plants. **Nancy Freeman** is our delegate for the **GCA Zone VII** meeting that will be held in Charlottesville October 11-13. Any member wishing to send horticulture may contact **Nancy Freeman**. **Joan Stumborg, HGW** announced the tour homes located in Cavalier Shores and information regarding the tour. **Cheryl Jordan, VBGC Fund** encouraged contributions to the fund which help to offset the costs of sending the President and delegates to attend **GCA/GCV** meetings. **Demaris Yearick, Council of Garden Clubs** shared details for an upcoming Fashion Show. **Becky Mason** noted that there will be two upcoming flower arranging workshops. **Lynda Strickler** read the **GCV Common Wealth Award** nomination. A vote was taken and the club unanimously supported the proposal of the Hillside Garden Club.

New Business: The nominating committee for 2016-18 was announced: **Mary Denny, Chair, Sally Kitchin, Donna Eure** and **Mac Houfek**, last year's chair.

Community Projects: Camp Grom- Meg French, Demaris Yearick and **Donna Haycox** presented an overview and plans for the Reflection Garden that will be created by VBGC. **Donna Eure** thanked **Meg French** and **Gentle Rain** for their support.

Latane Brown and **Audrey Parrott** were thanked for today's meeting arrangements. Audrey reminded members of meeting RSVP due dates.

Jane Booth reviewed the hospitality table and recognized **Cheryl Jordan** for her 2nd place win in the Virginian Pilot recipe contest. Cheryl will be entering her delicious mocha brownie recipe in the upcoming Virginia State Fair. **Betsy Agelasto** suggested we name the hospitality table **Jane's Booth**.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:03.

Respectfully Submitted,

Weege Mantz, Recording Secretary