

Chesapeake Bay Garden Club

June 17, 2019 Board Meeting

A meeting of the outgoing and incoming Board of Directors for the Chesapeake Bay garden Club met At the Northumberland County Library on Monday June 17, 2019

President Kathy Truxall called the meeting to order at 9:30 A.M.

Officers Reports:

Kathy Truxall read a note from Patsy Sylvia thanking the club for the recognition she received for a National Life Membership.

Assistant Treasurer Sandra Ehlert presented the Financial Report for May. She said District and State dues have been paid. Our end checking now is \$20,562.43.

1st Vice President Wonda Allain said work still needs to finalize the programs for next year. Some of the speakers still need to be contacted to confirm dates.

Programs Schedule for now:

September-- Dr. Henry on the Art of Tea

October -- Still pending contact of speaker

January -- Farming in the Northern Neck, Trent Jones

February-- Debbie Gillispie on Unique Plant Starters

March-- Cascade Floral Design with Kathy Elliot and Sharon Stieber

April Program Pending

May -- Program on beekeeping

June—field trip to gardens in Pennsylvania

2nd Vice President Helen Bell said information is still needed from members for the yearbook.

Committees:

Sandra Ehlert reported on **Membership**. She said we have 47 paid members and still awaiting one more member to pay. The new membership application will have the list of committees with their duties. After each meeting, a list of new members with their interests will be emailed to the board. It was suggested we have a tea to welcome new members. Susan Brandli volunteered to have a tea at her home in September. The tentative date will be Wednesday September 18. It was also suggested that the corresponding secretary send a welcoming note to new members.

Susan Brandli, **Birds, Butterflies, and Bees** chair, said she will provide information on a bird/butterfly/bee at our general meetings to help educate our members.

Alice Stieve was welcomed as one of the co-chairs for **Conservation**. She said the main goal of the committee will be to address the littering problem in the Northern Neck. They plan to contact various organizations, including county departments, to see what can be done.

Horticulture Chair, Rebeca Elston, will invite new members to be clerks at our general meetings. Hopefully this will spark new interest and participation in horticulture and design.

Civic Development had a successful Ready, Set, grow project. Linda Hixon said that on May 21st, 7 of our members help the first graders of Northumberland Elementary plant their zinnia and marigold seedlings. Those members who participated were Patsy Sylvia, Anne Crawley, Sharon Lemke, Jacquie Penny, Jacque Konzelman, Sharon Jachimski, and Linda Hixon. Linda has also planted pumpkin seeds for seedlings to be planted in the Ready, Set, Grow garden this summer.

Floral Exhibits chair Darleen Nelson stated she still needs information on meeting topics to finalize the types of design that will be highlighted at each meeting.

Sharon Stieber, **Hospitality** Chair, said the hostess schedule for our general meetings is still being planned. Part of the schedule already complete is missing.

Kathy Truxall read the **Landscape Design** report prepared by Debbie Gillispie:

To celebrate National garden Week, we participated in a clean-up of the gardens on the RFM campus and Festival Halle on Thursday June 6. 13 members of our club plus Lydia Haynie (RFM President) worked from 8-11 weeding, planting and watering. Several of our members cleaned their gardens and brought plants for the gardens. I spent \$104 from the museum's budget for additional plants; the biggest expense being the 3 grasses for the Covington garden. The rest of the purchased plants were all 75% off at Lowe's. We worked 42 hours including my husband dumping our pickup full of debris. These volunteer hours will be turned in to the museum for their report. The following members participated: Debbie Gillispie, Debbie Boze, Jerry Jenkins, Sharon Lemke, Patsy Sylvia, Vicky Bowen, Linda Hixon, Sharon Jachimski, Karen Luzuriagi, Helen bell, Bobby Brogden, Kathie Truxall, Bob Gillispie, and Lydia Haynie.

Publicity chair Karen Luzuriagi was absent, but members said there was a nice write up in the Rappahannock Record about our Flower Show held in May.

Kathy Truxall announced that there still is no chair for **Ways and Means**. A discussion followed about whether or not we should suspend Wreath and Tree Making. Some reasons were; the boxwood blight problem, decreased membership participation in the project, competition for like products sold cheaper in the community.

Wonda Allain made a motion that we do not host Wreath and Tree making this year and revisit this project next year. Helen Bell seconded the motion. The motion was passed.

Kathy will still be pursuing someone to cover our “store” for **Ways and Means**.

Kathy asked Committee Chairman to ask members to fill out their committees. Try to include new members to initiate them in the workings of our club: Pam Plumb, Susan Titus, Courtney Andrews, Jacque Konzelman, and Mimi Stoner. All committee chairmen and officers who use the closet at Festival Halle for storage will be asked to meet with Kathy sometime in early September to clean out and reorganize space.

Wonda Allalin will take on **Nitty Gritty**. Some suggestions for projects/trips was Windhaven Farm and doing a workshop on hypert?. Susan Brandli will continue with **Beyond the Garden**.

New Business:

Kathy said we will be doing a window display at the Library using our landscape pictures that were part of the staging at our May Flower Show. This display would take place in March 2020. Someone also suggested that we provide a Floral Design for the Library during that period.

Meeting was adjourned at 11:30.

Recording Secretary

Sharon Lemke

Members Present: Sharon Lemke, Kathy Truxall, Alice Stieve, Sandra Ehlert, Tricia Mrzyglod, Sue Moore, Sharon Stieber, Wonda Allain, Linda Hixon, Bobby Brogden, Patsy Sylvia, Susan Brandli, Rebecca Elston, Darleen Nelson, Vicky Bowen, Helen Bell