

Chesapeake Bay Garden Club Board Meeting Minutes

October 19, 2020

President Kathie Truxall called the meeting to order at 9:35 A.M.

Kathie asked if everyone on the Board had received the corrected minutes from last month's Board Meeting, and everyone present indicated that they had received them.

Treasurer's Report – Sandra Ehlert gave the Treasurer's report for Debbie Boze. The income for the month of September was \$154.18, which was received mainly through the store operated by Ways and Means. Administrative expenses for September totaled \$766.88. These expenses included \$11.00 for stamps, \$250.00 for Liability Insurance, \$100.00 for memorials, and \$394.88 for the Yearbook. All members pay \$5.00 to the State from annual membership dues, accounting for the bulk of the expense under State and District Participation. Total expenses year to date are \$1,033.88.

Debbie Boze asked the Board to consider whether they wanted to pay the Northumberland County Library \$300.00, since we have not been able to use their meeting room for our Board Meetings due to Covid restrictions. It was suggested that we could give them nothing at this point, we could give them half (\$150) now and half next spring, or we could give them the full amount now. The majority voted in favor of giving them the full amount now. In response to a request by Rebecca Elston, Kathie Truxall will ask the library, if possible, to put the Judge's luncheon on May 14th next year on their schedule.

Corresponding Secretary Report – Anne Haynie reported on correspondence from September 14 to October 18, 2020:

1. A Thinking of You card was sent to Wonda Allain.
2. A Thank you was received from Fairfields Methodist Church for the \$50.00 donation made in Ann Kyker's memory.
3. A Get Well card was sent to Patsy Sylvia. Kathie Truxall shared a letter from Patsy letting the Board know that a tumor was found on her pancreas, and she is talking with doctors now about treatment options. She shared her love for the Garden Club and her appreciation for the support she has always felt from her fellow Garden Club members. Kathie encouraged everyone to keep Patsy in their thoughts and prayers, and to send her a card as she goes through this difficult time.
4. The following items were shared at the September 22nd General Meeting of the Garden Club, but were not included in the Corresponding Secretary's September 14th Board Meeting Report:
 - a. A Thank you note was received from Anne Haynie for the Memorial to Smith Point Rescue from the Garden Club in memory of her husband, David.
 - b. A Thank you note was received from Linda Consolvo for the Sympathy card that was sent by the Garden Club upon the death of her previous Mother-in-Law, A.C. Davis.
 - c. A Thank you letter was received from the Chesapeake Bay Foundation for the donation from the Garden Club in memory of one of our members, Elizabeth Jane Peterson.

Preparations for the October 27th General Meeting –

Susan Brandli reported for Wonda Allain on the status of the speaker, Scott Hammond. She indicated that he will need the projector, screen, and table normally provided the speaker who comes with a power point presentation. Susan noted that he does not require a fee or a donation.

It was decided that Sarita and her committee will provide lunch for the speaker, but will not serve anything to the members, including coffee. Members are welcome to bring their own lunches or arrive at 1:00 p.m. when the speaker begins his program. Tables will be provided for socially distanced seating and masks are required. Kathie Truxall will contact the person who normally sets up tables and let Debbie Boze know that she needs to write a check to pay him. Tables are needed for Membership, Ways and Means, and Floral Design.

Horticulture will not participate in the October meeting as requested by the Horticulture Chairperson, Rebecca Elston.

Floral Design will be set up inside by Darleen Nelson. Members may bring designs up and until 11:30 a.m.

Anne Haynie offered wipes and a large spray bottle of disinfectant if needed.

Vision of Beauty Calendars (18 copies) will be available for sale by Ways and Means. The cost is \$6.00 per calendar.

Committee Reports:

Landscape Design Committee – Debbie Gillespie, Chairperson

On October 6th, thirteen GBGC members labored a total of 31 hours cleaning the gardens at the Reedville Fishermen's Museum. The Museum Director, Lee, supplied refreshments for the workers that were much appreciated. After two hours at the Museum, members of the group moved on to work around the marquee in front of Festival Halle.

The thirteen members in attendance were Jan Ball, Vicky Bowen, Debbie Boze, Anne Crawley, Rebecca Elston, Debbie Gillispie, Sharon Jachimski, Jerry Jenkins, Sharon Lemke, Jacqui Penney, Sharon Stieber, Kathie Truxall, and Pam VanScoy.

Debbie Gillespie indicated that there is one dead grass at the museum that will be replaced after the winter. She also noted that she needs to get a picture of the group that worked on the gardens.

Hospitality Committee:

Sue Moore and Sharon Stieber, Co-Chairs of the Hospitality Committee presented arguments in favor of canceling this year's December Luncheon at the Country Club. The lack of ability to properly social distance, the inability to eat and drink with masks on, and the rising incidence of Covid this fall and winter made an event in an indoor setting risky for the members of the Garden Club. The Board voted

unanimously to cancel the December Christmas luncheon. We look forward to being able to have the June luncheon in the same venue.

Unfinished Business:

Kathie Truxall asked members of the Board to vote on an amendment to the Standing Rules resulting from a motion passed last month regarding memorials to be given to families of Members Emeritus: "Any member holding active membership for 25 years or more will be considered a Member Emeritus, and a memorial will be sent to their family upon their decease." Debbie Gillespie moved that we accept the amendment to the Standing Rules, Rebecca Elston seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.

New Business:

Kathie brought up the subject of the New Member Tea and whether we should hold this event at this time. After discussion, it was decided unanimously that we defer a decision until the spring when it will be brought up at a later Board meeting. A suggestion was made that we might try a Zoom meeting, but it was dismissed due to the lack of reliable internet service. Sandra Ehlert indicated that membership does provide our new members with written materials related to the operation of the Garden Club. Anne Haynie will send a note to each of the new members, Teresa Neil, Debby Tupper, and Pam VanScoy, informing them of the decision to postpone the New Member Tea.

Kathie Truxall will send an email out to the membership reminding them of the General Meeting on the 27th, and she will include notification of cancellation of both the Christmas Luncheon and the New Member Tea.

Other Announcements:

Carol Cole shared her experience with taking a course given by David Pippin on "Decorating with Gourds" through Lewis Ginter. The cost was \$25.00. Another class on "Thanksgiving Arrangements" will also be offered by David Pippin on November 20th. Those interested should contact Lewis Ginter for more information.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:00 A.M.

Assistant Recording Secretary,

Sue Moore

Attendees: Anne Haynie, Rebecca Elston, Carol Cole, Sue Moore, Sandra Ehlert, Alice Stieve, Jacqui Penney, Sharon Stieber, Vicky Bowen, Linda Hixon, Susan Brandli, Tricia Mryzglod, Debbie Gillespie, Darleen Nelson, and Kathie Truxall.