

Chesapeake Bay Garden Club Board Meeting

January 9, 2023 9:30 A.M.

Northumberland Public Library

President Sharon Lemke called the meeting to order at 9:35.

Secretary—Minutes from October meeting were approved by email.

Treasurer Jacque Konzelman presented the December report. The report can be found on our website under the “members only” section. Jackie is checking on the amount for meetings and programs and will email the changes to us.

Corresponding Secretary—Sharon read Debbie Gwaltney’s report.

Correspondence: November 15-January 9, 2022

1. On January 6, 2023, we sent Lee and Wonda Allain (1013 Coan Harbour Drive, Lottsburg, VA 22511-2639) a thinking of you card.
2. On January 9, 2023, we sent Sarita Lentz, (999 Holly Harbor Road, Reedville, VA 22539-3566) a thinking of you card.

January General Meeting Program—Sharon reported that Susan Brandli had spoken to Ben Whanger off and on during the year and had sent him a message about the date of the program.

Potential Program change for March—Sharon discussed changing our March program. Debbie Gwaltney, the presenter for the program, had sent a message that the insect motel was expensive. She suggested that we would ask Cathie Elliott from Rappahannock GC to present a program on Garden Art from a Cup and Saucer. If Cathie can’t come on that date, then Debbie would do the program for her. Everyone agreed it is a good idea to change the program for March.

Committee Reports:

Hospitality Chair Carol Cole reported that our June Installation of new officers is on June 21st. The social time will now be from 12 to 12:30, with lunch following. Rebecca Elston, Head Hostess for January, reported that she would need another hostess to bring soup. Debbie Boze volunteered.

Floral Design Chair Kathie Truxell reported that the design for the January general meeting is an Alfresco Table, a functional picnic for two with a completed floral design and other accessories.

Kathie is having a workshop at her house on Tuesday, January 17 at 1 pm.

Birds, Butterflies, and Bees report was given by Sharon. Susan Brandli will have a brochure to hand out on "Selecting Plants to Support Pollinators". This is club support from Birds, Butterflies, and Pollinators as well as Beyond the Garden.

Old Business:

Flower Show—Kathie Truxell reported that the title of the show will be Chesapeake Bay Garden Club presents "A Celebration of 70 Years". It will be a Small Standard Flower Show, which means the Design Division must have a minimum of 12 designs, but not more than 19. There will be Tri-color designs, Table Artistry, and Designer's Choice. Along with these, we will have an Educational Exhibit and Botanical Arts. The Horticulture Division will include the same sections we have had at recent past shows.

Engaging New Members i.e., tea, and orienting new members about garden club

We discussed different ways to get new members into the club and how to educate our newer members on how the club operates. Susan Brandli had said she would host a tea at her house for new members. Spring would be a good time for this. We discussed having brochures placed at different locations and newspaper articles. Sandra Ehlert asked that we have members available to take guests around and talk to them about the different areas of horticulture and design and in general tell them about the club.

Gardens that we will maintain for the Reedville Fishermen's Museum.

We discussed getting Debbie Gillespie to talk to members about the gardens that we will take care of. RFM does not currently have an Director.

New Business:

Continue with a scholarship?

Debbie Gwaltney had sent a report that we need to make a decision quickly if we were continuing with the \$1000 scholarship to a NHS student. The committee members would remain the same as last year – Carol Cole, Alice Stieve, Debbie Boze, and Debbie Gwaltney. Jacque Konzelman made a motion to grant the \$1000 scholarship this spring. Debbie Boze seconded the motion. The motion passed.

We discussed the fact that we will need to have a money making project if we want to continue with the scholarship.

Selling of old supplies at our January meeting.

Items will be brought to the January meeting. The library cart went to the school and the books were given to the bookstore.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:40

Members attending: Tricia Mrzyglod, Sandra Ehlert, Debbie Boze, Anne Haynie, Alice Stieve, Pam Plumb, Rebecca Elston, Vicky Bowen, Jacque Konzelman, Joanne Gills, Kathie Truxall, Carol Cole, Sharon Stieber, Sharon Lemke.

