

Chesapeake Bay Garden Club Board Meeting

October 10, 2022 9:30 A.M.

Bethany United Methodist Church

President Sharon Lemke called the meeting to order at 9:40

Secretary—Minutes from September meeting were approved by email

Treasurer Jackie Konzelman reported that we have \$16,674.80 in our checking account. The report was emailed and can be found on our “members only” section of the website. It was decided that our \$150 donation to Bethany United Methodist Church would be listed under rent on the treasurer’s report each time we meet at the church. A \$50 memorial donation for Andy Bass, Sharon Stieber’s husband, will be sent to Smith Point Sea Rescue.

Corresponding Secretary Debbie Gwaltney reported that we had no correspondence this month.

2nd Vice President Debbie Boze reported on our Norfolk Botanical gardens trip. 26 members are going. We have 6 cars for the carpools. Debbie is arranging the carpools and will let each driver know the address and place we are to park. We must be there at 11 and Tram Tour starts at 11:30.

Committee Reports:

Landscape Design Debbie Gillespie gave the history of how we cared for our gardens. Groups would come on a weekly basis to certain gardens and keep them clean. Our member's number had gone down,

and we had not been cleaning the gardens on a regular basis. Then Covid hit and not much was done. We need to decide what we can do.

The gardens that we were responsible for are:

The RFM gardens

- Covington Garden
- Biddlecomb Garden
- Herb Garden
- Walker House Garden

Festival Halle gardens

- Sign garden and grasses
- Jane Clark memorial Garden

RFM director did not indicate that she knew we were doing any of this. We were invited to help with the last cleanup. We discussed that we would be responsible for the two memorial gardens, Biddlecomb and Clark. At the January general meeting, we will discuss with the entire group and encourage more members to come help with the cleanup.

Membership Chair Sandra Ehlert reported that we have 47 members. Susan Meyers joined at the last meeting. Membership has given out 43 books. 4 members have not received their yearbooks – Jan Ball, Carol Medlin, Kathleen Petersen, and Mimi Stoner. Robin England attended one meeting and is going to Norfolk Botanical Gardens which is considered a meeting on that day. She will be joining the club then.

Publicity Chair Karen Luzuriaga's report was read by Sharon. Two articles were sent to the papers with pictures. The articles are about helping with Garfields's Rescue event and our last meeting.

Civic Development/Youth Projects Chair Joanne Gills's report was read by Sharon. 12 members have signed up for October 27th "The Saved Seed" so far. She has sent texts to members who participated in "Ready, Set, Grow" and is waiting on replies. She is meeting with Cindy Ivester and Jerry Jenkins to discuss the program. Books and printed instructions will be sent out next week.

Old Business:

Flower Show Chairman Kathie Truxall discussed the May 20, 2023 flower show. She gave some of the plans for the Small Flower Show. We will have 12 designs and Horticulture. There were 4 design types discussed:

- Tricolor – all fresh
- Distinction – all dried
- Botanical Art
- Educational

New Business:

President Sharon Lemke discussed Festival Halle storage cleanup. Our next board meeting will be held at Festival Halle, and we will be cleaning out all the storage we have and finding places for things we no longer use.

There was a discussion on how to engage new members. Discussion was about how to best let new members know what we do in our club. Two suggestions were discussed:

1. Having a new member tea at someone's house
2. Explaining at a general meeting what we are all about.

No decision was made. Membership will determine how many new members we have had since the last tea.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:55

Members attending: Sharon Stieber, Tricia Mrzyglod, Vicky Bowen, Jacque Konzelman, Alice Stieve, Rebecca Elston, Debbie Gwaltney, Anne Haynie, Kathie Truxall, Pam Plumb, Sandra Ehlert, Debbie Boze, Debbie Gillispie, Sarita Lentz, Sharon Lemke