

Chesapeake Bay Garden Club Board Meeting

January 20, 2020

Northumberland Public Library

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

The minutes of the November meeting were corrected and approved by email.

Sandra Ehlert gave the **Treasurer's** report. A donation of \$50 was made to the VFGC Project No Bake Sale. Sandra mentioned that between July and December of last year our club has accumulated a total of \$8.50 from Blooming Bucks payback program to garden clubs. It was decided that a \$50 donation be made to the Chesapeake Bay Foundation in memorial of Jane Peterson.

Corresponding Secretary, Annie Haynie said a thank you note was sent to Susan Reed for her donation of gardening books to our club. Also, a sympathy note was send to Jane Peterson's daughter, Isabel.

Committee Reports:

Patsy Sylvia reported that six applications have been sent forward for **Awards**. They are Linda Hixon—THE SAVED SEED Education Award and Youth Horticulture Education Award; Kathy Truxall and Debbie Gillispie for National Garden Week; Helen Bell—CLUB YEARBOOKS; Sharon Lemke—Flower Show Schedule; and Vicky Bowen—for Social Media/Website.

Patsy thanked Karen Luzuriaga for all the publicity she did for the club. The Press Book Award will be submitted by January 25. Patsy also reminded members that there is an Awards list that could cover almost any club project.

Conservation cochairman Alice Stieve covered 2 topics; one was the plastic bag bed rolls for homeless people and the other was about recycling, hazardous waste, and anti-litter efforts in the 4 counties of the Northern Neck.

Richmond County has developed an educational outreach to their citizens and are active in getting community groups to help with cleanup as well as catching violators that litter. Hope Mothershead of Richmond County said she would be willing to talk to our club about their efforts.

Northumberland County will have their next Hazardous Waste collection on May 2 of this year. She was referred to the county administrator to discuss litter control.

Lancaster County will have no spring hazardous waste collection due to no funding, but will have an event in the fall. The have a pdf file that is a pictorial guide to what Lancaster accepts at the regular recycle centers.

Alice was unable to get any info on Westmoreland County on this topic.

The plastic bedroll idea came from an article in the Washington Post. Volunteers in Winchester, VA have been crocheting bedrolls for the homeless out of grocery store plastic bags. It takes about 500-700 bags for one bed roll. There is a u-Tube video on how to make a plastic bedroll that has been posted on our website. Apparently these bedrolls hold up well and this project has been going on for several years.

Carol Cole has been pursuing our county officials to get input on anti-litter efforts. It was suggested that our members attend a Board of Supervisors meeting to state our concern for this problem. The County Board meets the 2nd Thursday of every month at 5 P.M.

Kathie Truxall reported for **Floral Design**. This month's design is Designer's Choice with a winter theme. Designers should state the type of design they created. Kathie thanked all who participated in the decorating for CCC.

Hospitality cochairman, Sue Moore announced that 31 members attended the Christmas luncheon at Indian Creek Country Club. We had an excellent lunch and Susan Brandli did a great job reading the "The Night Before Christmas" during our gift exchange. Debbie Boze is our Head Hostess for this month's meeting. Her committee will be providing soups, breads, desserts and possibly salads. Lewis Edgell and Kathleen Petersen have volunteered to host the April general meeting luncheon.

Sandra Ehlert stated that our current **Membership** is down to 50 due to the passing of longtime member, Jane Peterson. All the yearbooks have been distributed, 3 of which were mailed to members.

Vicki Bowen, our **Webmaster** will present a tutorial for website navigation at our general meeting next week. Vicki also stated you can now put an App on your phone for our CGGC website.

Unfinished Business:

Kathie reminded members that we need to finalize the number of participants for our Longwood Garden trip in June.

New Business:

Ideas and plans were discussed for a CBGC display at Northumberland Library in March. Plans are to have the pictures of our gardens and other projects and trips posted in the library meeting room. Other ideas were to post products of our Nitty Gritty projects in the display case. Susan Brandli will have info on the Blue Bird trail. Carol Cole will organize the workings of this project.

Patsy Sylvia will collect monies for the spring Piedmont District Meeting which will be held on March 16 in Richmond. The cost is \$30. The featured presenter is Robert Hunt, a floral designer well known for his design work in Colonial Williamsburg.

The Rappahannock Art League will have their Art & Bloom Show on April 3&4. Our members are invited to participate in doing floral design for this show.

Fine Arts & Flowers will be at VMFA on October 29&30.

Discussion was held concerning recognizing long time active members who no longer pay dues. Former members suggested for recognition were Ann Kyker and Barbara Shultz. It was decided that their names be placed in our yearbook near the membership directory as Honorary Recognized members.

Wonda Allain said a workshop for vase painting will be scheduled toward spring. Another suggestion for a Nitti Gritti trip was to Ditchley Farms.

Meeting was adjourned at 11:30.

Recording Secretary

Sharon Lemke

Members present:

Sharon Lemke, Kathie Truxall, Sandra Ehlertt, Anne Haynie, Linda Hixon, Jacqui Penney, Wonda Allain, Alice Stieve, Patsy Sylvia, Vicky Bowen, Rebecca Elston, Susan Moore, Carol Cole, Sarita Lentz