

Chesapeake Bay Garden Club
September 17, 2018 Board Meeting

President, Helen Bell called the meeting to order at 9:30 a.m. Susan Brandli reported on the response to and plans for the 65th Anniversary Party to be held on September 25th in the Transportation Museum Building at Hughlett's Tavern in Heathsville. We've received a positive response from 66 people, including 48 current members. The catering count has been reduced from 100 to 75. Sheets were passed around reminding people who signed up and what they agreed to provide. Susan Brandli & Veda Watts will be creating an arrangement to be placed at the front door. There will be a display of old scrapbooks, plus a continuously running slide show of pictures taken through the years. Cleaning of the gardens at the Tavern will be on Wednesday, September 19, beginning at 7:30 a.m. Thank you to Publicity Chairman, Karen Luzuriaga for getting the word out.

Treasurer, Debbie Boze, presented the Treasurer's Report for June - August 2018 (copy attached). The expenses for the quarter were \$2,157.33, including rental fee for Festival Halle for the year, leaving a balance of \$20,245.91 in our checking account.

1st Vice President, Darleen Nelson reported our speaker for the October meeting will be Zach Bradford, who will speak about Virginia's Vanishing Native Orchids.

2nd Vice President, Sandra Ehlert reported that the club yearbooks for 2018-19 are ready for distribution today, with the remainder to be handed out at the October General Meeting.

Corresponding Secretary, Debbie Boze, standing in for Dee McMurray, reported receipt of a thank you note from Ann Kyker. A birthday card to be sent to Ann Kyker was circulated for signing.

Committee Reports

Awards: Patsy Sylvia stands ready to help anyone with submission preparation for an award. Each award will require four copies of the documentation submitted.

Floral Exhibits: Sharon Stieber announced a Floral Design Workshop about conditioning to be held on Thursday, September 20, at 9:30 a.m. in the Library Community Room. Help will also be provided for those desiring assistance with arrangements for the Anniversary Party. Vision of Beauty Calendars for 2019 were given to those who ordered them.

Workers and plant material will be needed for decorating at the Northumberland Association for Progressive Stewardship (NAPS) social on October 13th. Jack Moore is being honored for his work with the Shiloh School Museum. We will be allowed access to the club house at Bay Quarter Shores at noon. Kathie Truxall will be in charge of coordinating this activity.

Ways and Means: Sharon Lemke announced that the order form for Wreaths & Trees is available on the club website. Order deadline is November 19th.

Horticulture: Rebecca Elston will chair the club's Horticulture Only Flower Show next May 21st. Sharon Lemke has agreed to produce the schedule and Lorraine VanWickler will secure judges for the event. No design exhibits will be allowed, but two educational exhibits will be required.

Landscape Design: Debbie Gillispie reported the monument at the Triangle Garden is to be removed today by the Curry Funeral Home for cleaning, and will then be placed in front of the informational sign at Festival Halle. Remaining plants will be removed after the stone is extracted.

After much discussion about the need for help with the gardens at the Reedville Fishermen's Museum and the Library, it was determined to communicate our need to reduce the level of assistance in these locations. Debbie will interface with the corresponding directors and report back at the October meeting. There are 14 members working on this committee, with additional help requested for tending the American Legion garden.

Civic Development: Linda Hixon plans to have a 'Saved Seed' program this fall for the Northumberland Elementary School children, using pumpkin seeds to be dried and sunflower seeds from the plants they planted this past spring.

Nitti Gritti: Darleen Nelson reported we will have another bulb planting workshop at Brent & Becky's next May.

Scrapbook: Roz Messing shared the completed scrapbook for 2017-18, which includes many pages of pictures from past years pulled in preparation for the club's 65th Anniversary Party.

Website: Vicky Bowen is the new CBGC webmaster with the absence of Dody Douglas, who moved over the summer. Vicky plans to increase the information accessible on the website, do more with links to include records of historical information, and will help with the club's Facebook presence.

Membership: Carol Cole reported we will start the new year with 62 members.

Conservation: Chairman needed.

Announcements

The last call was made for those wishing to attend the October 8th Piedmont District Meeting. Rebecca Elston requested volunteers to clerk at the Flower Show being presented that day: Patsy Sylvia, Sharon Lemke, Kathie Truxall, and Bobby Brogden responded.

The meeting adjourned at 11:10 a.m.

Kathie Truxall, Recording Secretary

Those attending: Vicky Bowen, Susan Brandli, Roz Messing, Helen Bell, Debbie Gillispie, Sharon Lemke, Elizabeth Cali, Rebecca Elston, Lorraine VanWickler, Carol Cole, Karen Luzuiaga, Linda Hixon, Patsy Sylvia, Patricia Mrzyglod, Debbie Boze, Sandra Ehlert, Darleen Nelson, Sharon Stieber, Kathie Truxall