

Town and Country Garden Club Minutes, April 7, 2021

This was our second virtual club meeting with all members. It was hosted via zoom by our president, Ann Baker. The meeting started at 11 AM after all members had logged on. There were 17 active members present, three associates, and two guests.

Our meeting started off with a presentation entitled ' Activism through 'Gardening' by Jeannie Iseman. Jeannie explained the mission and vision of the Garden Works Project. This organization was started several years ago based on the premise that everyone deserves fresh produce. Their mission is to promote organic suburban agriculture to improve the well-being of communities facing food insecurity. They collaborate with food pantries, social service agencies, and community organizations.

Jeannie also explained how someone could get involved as a volunteer, and grow produce to donate to your local food pantry.

Following the presentation our club's business meeting was brought to order at 12:05 PM.

Report by first vice president Sally Steele:

Our club membership is 25 active, and nine associates.

Programs report by Peg Samuelson:

Our next meeting will be an outside activity of making stepping stones . Peg will send out an email regarding date, time, and location. Members need to bring decorations, such as stones, shells and beads for their own stepping stones.

Treasurers report by Rise' Barkhoff:

Checking account \$11,757.97

Money market \$5032.74, for a total of \$16,790.71.

Civic Projects report by Carol Biegalski:

The senior planting has been set for May 18 at 1 PM.

Carol has been looking into having the library as a new project. Still waiting to hear back from them.

Horticulture report by Marlene Elkins:

Annuals, such as coleus, overwintered at home, can often be started now by taking a cutting and rooting in water and then transplanting into growing medium.

Now is a good time to survey your garden for plants heaved out of the ground due to frost and gently push them back into the ground.

Spring flowering shrubs can be forced to flower inside. Cut at an angle 1 foot long branches, arrange in a vase and display in a cool room out of direct sunlight.

Scholarships report : Jennifer Reilly will meet with the board next week to discuss.

Conservation report by Anne Stranberg:

Earth day is April 24th. Hawthorne mall has put up eco-friendly displays. You can drop off textiles at the centennial lounge and receive a \$25 gift card to Barbara's bookstore, for the first 100 people.

Consider alternatives to large plastic containers, eg. use compressed laundry sheets instead.

Reminder to put out hummingbird feeders. They'll be here soon.

Publicity report by Paula Lubenow:

Various plant sales in the area have agreed to put flyers in their bags to promote our garden walk. Main Street Libertyville has a save the date for our garden walk. Please take note of Paula's email regarding plant sales in our area .

Old business:

Mary Gay reports that we have lost another home for our garden walk. We now have three and we need more. If anyone knows of someone with a beautiful garden who would be willing to participate please let her know.

The meeting adjourned at 12:48 PM with a motion by Anne Stranberg, seconded by Paula Lubenow.

Respectfully submitted,

Annie Cochran

Sent from my iPhone