Meeting called to order at 9:45 AM.

**Attendees**: Anderson, Barnes, Barr, Butler, Christos, DeVries, D’Ignazio, Floyd, Frick, Garnett, Hayden (C), Hayden (N), Hafertepe, Kropac, Lee, Leonard, Merz, Noto, O’Donnell, Pirtle, Porter, Russell, Surrick, Thomas, Thorbahn, Ullman (Mic), Ullman (Min), Sass, Wilson, Ziegenfus

 **Quote**: “Always go the extra mile, the road is never crowded.” Unknown

**Acknowledgements**: Minnie thanked Holly Porter, Beth Noto, Kelly Hafertepe, and Sandra Christos for providing today’s delicious luncheon for our annual joint meeting with Rose Tree Gardeners. She also thanked Susie Leonard for the two lovely flower arrangements.

**Minutes of February 13, 2019:** Motion to approve, amended as follows: Conservation Tip –“Alleviate dry skin by filling your house with indoor plants.” aFewSteps.org.

**Treasurer’s Report:** Jan Frisch reviewed our financial position. Last month’s expenses: $385; Checking account: ~$14,500; Endowment: ~$5500; Vanguard accounts: ~$68,000; Total Asset Value: ~$88,000.

**Corresponding Secretary:** Susie Leonard read a note from Hope Thurlow, Corresponding Secretary of Rose Tree Gardeners, congratulating PGC on our 1st place win at the PHS 2019. Susie will send a congratulatory note to RTG on their 1st place win at PHS 2019.

**New Business**:

**Garden Club of America items:**

1. Carolyn Hayden gave us a summary of her recent experience at the 2019 NAL with highlights about the speakers. All NAL sessions are posted on the GCA website and Carolyn urged us to browse through the videos to enjoy and learn. Topics included climate change, Botanical Bill, Backyard Conservation, and more. On Capitol Hill: heard from 15 Senators and Representatives (including Rep. Ryan Fitzpatrick (PA)). Permanent authorization was approved for the Land and Water Conservation Act by the House on Tuesday, a long-time GCA objective. Rep. Mary Gay Scanlon was able to meet with the Zone V delegation. Zone V delegates also met with Toomey’s and Casey’s staff. Carolyn thanked PGC for the opportunity to attend this year’s NAL.
2. Founder’s Fund 2019 Vote: PGC voted for “Sniff and Savor Garden” at the Pittsburgh Botanic Garden.

**Providence Garden Club Items:**

1. PHS Flower Show– Liz Garnet, Holly Porter, and Beth Noto brought PGC a well-deserved first place ribbon in the windowsill class. Planning by the three started months ago. Beth’s brother drove the large piece of driftwood from Florida; Holly reported that the entry got 100/100 points. Judges’ comments: “Architectural wonder with a touch of whimsey.” Liz described the winners’ luncheon. Jeanne Lee will place an article in local newspapers about the PGC entry. Minnie said how thrilling it was to be with them when the ribbon was awarded. Ask the team about slogging through the snow storm into Phila on 95 at 5:30 AM before the roads were plowed.
2. Lin Floyd, Anne Devries, and Sallie Anderson all made first time horticultural entries in the Flower Show with Sallie earning a third-place ribbon in a challenge class.
3. Flower Show Hard Hat Tour – Carolyn Hayden reported on the chaos that is the creation of the Flower Show! This tour is an opportunity that is available because we are an organizational member of PHS.
4. Flower Show 2020 Preview Meeting – Lin Floyd and Sallie Anderson attended this meeting where next year’s theme (Riviera Holiday) and competition classes were revealed.
5. If anyone knows Ellen Semple from Media, please see Jan, Wendie, or Minnie. She has contacted us for a plant sale order form and info on butterfly gardens.

**Old Business**:

**Plant Sale Items:**

1. Potting Up Schedule: Thanks to Minnie for offering her house for 2019 Potting Up, 199 Harvard Avenue, Swarthmore. Lauren and Nancy reviewed our schedule for the two weeks; afternoons can be available if fits into your plans better. We’re urged to cut newspapers for pot bottoms. Dolores Thomas explained the changes that necessitated a move for 2019 Potting Up. Minnie spoke for the club membership in thanking Delores for the many years she has hosted Potting Up.
2. Pre-sale: 9-12 on 4/26 at Minnie’s. We will distribute pre-sale flyers to neighbors near Minnie and near Dolores Thomas on Locust Lane.
3. Plant Sale: 5/3, Friday 8-**1:00**; 5/4, Saturday 8-**12:00**. Thanks to Stephanie Kropac for revising the Advance Order form; to Sallie Anderson for converting it for printing; and to Jan Frisch for preparing the hard copies of the pre-order for mailing. Signs for directions are being updated. Jan distributed pre-sale order forms and urged us to share them widely.
4. Michelle Ullman shared that we will be offering organic vegetables and herbs at the Plant Sale.
5. Nancy D’Ignazio shared that gently used gardening books will be sold at the Plant Sale (after members have a chance to claim).
6. Liz Garnet is hosting a trough workshop at her home on March 28th starting at 10:00 a.m. (rain dates: 3/20 or 4/4). Address: 179 Consort Hill, Media.

Soil Orders – Sallie Anderson is collecting orders for Organic Mechanics ($20.00/bag). Delivery will be to Pat Surrick’s driveway on a date to be announced.

Sallie Anderson offered banana seeds to members. Contact her to collect.

Jan distributed the 11-2017 PGC revised policy statement that is now printed up. Please add to your PGC club book.

Flower Arranging Workshop – Nancy D’Ignazio reported on this upcoming opportunity on April 3, 2019, at the Valley Forge Flower Shop, 12:00 noon. Fee: $50.00-$60.00. Stay for lunch at the in-shop café. The workshop will cover tips on the classes of our April flower show. Please let Nancy know you will attend.

PGC April Meeting will be at Plush Mills on April 10th: Plan to be there by 8:30 am to allow time to have your entries passed and entered; must be entered by 9:30; judging will begin promptly at 10:00.

Fertilizer Fund – Wendie Russell reported on our high participation rate and thanked us for our support.

Leiper House – Wendie reported on a cleanup for 10:00 AM on Thursday, March 21. Please bring rakes.

HKF Library: No date has been set.

ReCork Project – Winners for February: Nancy Hayden (211) and Rennie Kucas (240). MInnie thanked them and all club members for continuing to support this project.

Heritage Moment – Minnie reminded us that PGC won 1st prize in 1969 at the PHS Flower Show and in 2019 PGC did it again with a 1st prize in Windowsill Division 50 years later.

Horticulture handout on “Marvelous Moss” was distributed.

Conservation Tip – Swedish Dishcloths: A unique combination of wood pulp cellulose sourced from sustainable forests and naturally renewable cotton fibers. Wash in dishwasher or clothes washer up to 200 times. They are recyclable or compostable/biodegradable and equal 17 rolls of paper towels. Many options/choices are available on line.

Meeting was adjourned at 10:52AM.

Respectfully submitted,

Lin Axamethy Floyd, Interim Recording Secretary

Our program today on flower arranging was presented by Claire Jones (clairejoneslandscapes.com) who reviewed design concepts and demonstrated several arrangements.