Attendees: - Anderson, Barnes, Butler, DeVries, D’Ignazio, D’Orio, Floyd, Garnett, Hayden (N), Kropac, Larson, Lee, Leonard, Merz, Noto, O’Donnell, Pirtle, Russell, Sass, Staples, Surrick, Thomas, Thorbahn, Ullman (Mic), Ullman (Min), Wilson, Yost, Ziegenfus

Meeting called to order at 11:10.

QUOTE: “Kind hearts are the garden. Kind thoughts are the roots.

Kind words are the blossoms. Kind deeds are the fruits.” John Ruskin

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: The April 2019 meeting minutes were approved unanimously.

TREASURER’S REPORT: Please pay annual dues ($130.00) to Jan Frisch. By end of the plant sale on Saturday all members should have paid for all plant purchases. The club has sent $100 to PCGCA Fertilizer Fund and $1200 to other horticultural and conservation non-profits for our yearly donations. Our assets are ~$88,000 including $11,000 in checking, $5500 in endowment, and $72,00 in Vanguard.

CORESPONDING SECRETARY: Susie L. shared a thank you from PHS President Matt Rader for PGC’s participation in the 2019 PHS FS resulting in a Blue Ribbon in the window sill class.

PGC EXTENDED FAMILY –

1. Lis Hammons is doing well and sincerely appreciated being thought about by the club. She misses everyone.
2. Chrissy Ribble is undergoing treatment for stage 3 breast cancer. Holly P. is helping her with care after her treatments. Please keep her in your thoughts and prayers.

GUEST – Susan Yeager, Zone V Chairman joined us for the meeting. She shared that GCA is currently very focused on the clubs. Debbie Edwards will be next President after serving as administrative chair in her current role. The GCA Strategic plan was just finished and distributed. The goal of the plan is to look into the future and to take into account evolving member interests and time availability. Another effort is to place more emphasis on transparency of GCA operations, programs, and decision making. GCA On the Road series is continuing to give access.

OLD BUSINESS:

1. Plant Sale: Nancy D. and Lauren O. thanked members for all our hours to prep for our 71st Plant Sale. As we met, all pre-orders had been filled and we discussed changes in stock and awareness of the new organic vegetable offerings and prices.
2. Potting-up:
   1. Sallie A. reported that potting up was very successful. She highlighted Jean O’Neill’s generous donation of plants. Excellent attendance at potting up every day made good use of our time.
   2. Minnie U. also thanked everyone who brought plants, divided, and potted. She appreciated everyone adapting to the logistics and set up of our new location. After two weeks of almost perfect weather, a special thank you to those who manned the private sale in the pouring rain. About $2500 in pre-sale proceeds.
3. “GCA on the Road” visit to Stenton, Philadelphia, the “birthplace of GCA, Thursday May 9, 2019 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. There is a limit of 25, if interested please register on line asap.
4. PGC’s Organizational Membership with PHS has given us 3 invitations to their Garden Club Annual Party, May 23, 2019, 4-6, at Stoneleigh. Please let Minnie U. know so she can rsvp.
5. HKF Library: Mary M. and Stephanie K. reported that the grounds look beautiful. Relationship with HKF still evolving now that the Library has engaged a landscaping firm.
6. Leiper House: Wendie R. reported that the next workday will be May 7th at 10:00 am; bring rakes, gloves, trowels, etc. to do planting of annuals.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Jeanne Lee’s new telephone number is 484-472-3030. Please make the change to your directory.
2. Plant Buying Trip -Planned for Tuesday, May 14, 2019. Meet at the Wallingford Presbyterian Church parking lot at 9:00 a.m. by private car we will visit at least 3 favorite plant nurseries, have lunch, and return home between 3-4 p.m. Nurseries will take cash, checks, or credit cards, lunch cash only.
3. Plant Swap of perennial above ground after potting up. Please drop off your unwanted, excess plants Monday, May 20th from 10-6 at Minnie U’s home. 199 Harvard Avenue, Swarthmore.

Label plants with your name (as a reminders of a garden club friend), plant name, growing site recommendations (sun/shade). You may select plants from garden club friends on May 21st from 10-6. Honor system of an even swap of one donated plant for one plant chosen.

1. RECORK – April winner is Sallie Anderson (578). This month as a club we collected 1452.
2. Susie L. will be the next Vice Chair of PCGCA and head the committee with oversight of the Fertilizer Fund grant program. Congratulations!
3. Minnie U. will be the Zone V representative to the GCA Founders Funds Committee. Congratulations!
4. GCA Annual Meeting: Lin Floyd and Beth Noto will attend the Annual meeting in Boston from May 17-20.
5. Nominating Committee proposed the following slate for election t the June meeting: President LF; VP: Sallie Anderson; Treasurer: Jan Frisch; Recording Sec: Kelly Hafertepe; Corresponding Sec: Susie Leonard.
6. Susan Yeager presented Minnie U. with a surprise, lovely, framed recognition of her presidency of PGC 2017-2019.

HERITAGE MOMENT - Pictures from the 1978 PGC Anniversary Party. Note the black tie and long gowns!

An article, “The Old Guard”, was shared by Minnie U as highly recommended reading for all members.

HORTICULTURE TIP – Minnie U. shared a handout, “Best Plants for Pollinators”.

MOTION TO AJOURN – 11:54 am.

CONSERVATION – To harvest your own seeds, forego deadheading a few flowers so they form seeds. The seeds ripen when the flowers turn brown.

Respectfully submitted, Lin Axamethy Floyd

Today’s “program” was preparations for our annual plant sale.

Next month’s Annual Meeting will be at Sallie Anderson’s house, 111 Avondale Road, Wallingford. Garden tour after lunch.