The Providence Garden Club of PA

September 11, 2019 Membership Meeting

Residence of Liz Garnett, Media, PA

President Lin Floyd called the meeting to order at 10:00 AM.

**PRESENT:** Anderson, Barnes, Christos, DeVries, D’Ignazio, D’Iorio, Floyd, Frisch, Garnett, Hafertepe

Kropac, Kucas, Larson, Lee, Leonard, Merz, Noto, O’Donnell, Murray, Pirtle, Porter, Russell, Standish, Staples, Surrick, Thomas, Thorbahn, Wilson, Yost, Ziegenfus, Hayden (Carolyn), Ullman (Michelle), Barr,

Butler, Frick, Hayden (Nancy), Sass, Spilman

President Lin Floyd welcomed all members and expressed a thank you to hostesses Liz Garnett and Jan Frisch for lunch and the beautiful flower arrangements.

Minutes of June 12, 2019 were approved.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

* Members, Wendie Russell and Nancy Pirtle welcomed a new grandson/great grandson, James Russell.
* Member, Liz Ziegenfus welcomed a new great grandson and great granddaughter.
* **Shirley Meneive Horticulture Conference:** Minnie Ullman was in attendance September 11-13, 2019 at the Denver Botanic Gardens in Denver, CO. She will report in detail at our November meeting.
* **Re-Cork:** Winners for June: Rennie Kucas with 922 corks and Penny Sass with 101 corks.

Total corks shipped since the introduction of the program to our club is 27,600 corks.

Please continue to collect your corks and deliver them to the monthly meetings.

* **“Mini potting up”:** Sallie Anderson will be hosting a “mini potting up” on Wednesday, September 25th at 9:30am. She asked for 8 volunteers to plant 84 landscape plugs and winter them in their homes. Holly Porter, Jeanne Lee, Wendie Russell, Lauren O’Donnell, Mary Murray, Katie D’Iorio, Nancy D’Ignazio and Ann DeVries volunteered.

**CORRESPONDING SECRETARY:**

Susie Leonard read a lovely note from sustaining member, Beb McIntyre, now of Tucson, AZ.

**PCGCA News:**

**General Meeting** will be held on September 18, 2019 at 10:00am at Magee Rehabilitation located at 13th & Race Street in Philadelphia. All are welcome. Susie Leonard, Wendie Russell, and Lin Floyd will be in attendance.

**Zone V mini meeting** will be held on October 17, 2019 from 9:00am to 3:00pm at Longwood Gardens. Liz Garnett will prepare an exhibit on behalf of PGC with assistance from Sallie Anderson. Speaker will be Ethan Kauffman, Director of Stoneleigh, who will be discussing the following topic: Biodiversity by Design: A Gardener’s’ Perspective.

**To register please click on the following link:**

<https://www.gcamerica.org/members/natl-org-zone5#Registration%20Information>

**PCGCA Joint Meeting-Luncheon** will be held on November 6, 2019 at the Philadelphia Country Club in Gladwyne, PA, registration begins at 9:45am. Meeting and speaker will begin at 10:30am with an optional luncheon at 12:30pm. This is OUR meeting! Invitations were distributed, please consider attending. Liz Garnett has volunteered to coordinate the floral arrangements for the entry as well as the tables.

**Fertilizer Fund:** Wendie Russell distributed the Fertilizer Fund annual appeal letters and reminded members that 100% of the donations go to various projects within Philadelphia.

**REPORTS OF OFFICERS AND COMMITTEES:**

Treasurer’s Report/Budget 2019-2020

Jan Frisch presented the 2019-2020 budget.

Our total resources: $97,476.90. Our total Charitable contributions: $16,736.00

A review committee consisting of Jan Frisch, Beth Noto, Sallie Anderson, and Jeanne Lee will review the organizations we are currently donating funds to and determine if these organizations are well run. Jan discussed the nine earmarked funds. $300 was approved to be taken from the “special projects” budget to be donated to the Chester School for the Arts. The Board approved the proposed budget at its September 9th meeting. The budget was approved by voice vote of the members.

Program

Anne DeVries explained the delay in the delivery of the 2019-2020 Program and Directory. Please make the following edits to the Directory:

Jeanne Lee: New phone # 484-472-3030.

Founders Fund: Please remove Minnie Ullman’s name as Co-Chair.

There will be a change in venue for the October meeting. Anne will let the club know as soon as possible. Victor Barsky, a water gardener, and his wife, was today’s presenter.

Admissions

A small committee has been formed to help determine how new members should be recruited.

Jodean DeSilva, guest of Anne Merz, joined us for the lunch and presentation.

Horticulture and Photography

Lauren O’Donnell discussed the upcoming **November 13th** Club Flower and Photography Show which will be held at Plush Mills.

**Important note** – **Passing desk will open at 8:30AM and entry passing will conclude by 9:45AM. Judging will begin promptly at 10:00AM.**

**Please bring your photos to the October 9th meeting**. Nancy will have the black boards available for photo mounting as well as the entry cards (2 per entry). Entry cards can also be found at the following GCA website address: [https://www.gcamerica.org/members/flower-show#resourceid=3613](https://www.gcamerica.org/members/flower-show%22%20%5Cl%20%22resourceid%3D3613)

Registration for the January Floral Workshop 101 & 102 will close on 10/20/2019. Cost is $100 and includes lunch and materials. Please contact Nancy D’Ignazio for further information.

Photos are needed from Zone 5 for the GCA E-news, due October 15. Details can be found on the GCA website (search Enews) or Nancy D’Ignazio’s recent email.

Club Flower Arrangements

Karen Barnes asked for volunteers to arrange flowers for the October and January meetings. Stephanie Kropac and Mary Murray as well as Lauren O’Donnell and Nancy D’Ignazio volunteered.

Civic

Leiper House Fall Clean up: 9/19 at 8:30am. Volunteers are needed.

Leiper House Open House will be on 9/28 and 9/29.

**Physic Garden Fall Clean up**: PGC was asked to provide 2 volunteers for Thursday, October 3rd at 10:00am, 8th and Pine Streets, Philadelphia.

**Citizen Scientists:**

Our focus for the 2019-2020 year will be to learn about Citizen Science and how we can participate.

Topics covered in meeting:

Spotted Lantern Fly lay eggs in the fall and they must be destroyed. Please find and scrape. You are encouraged to call Penn State Extension for information or help regarding the Spotted Lantern Fly. <https://extension.psu.edu/spotted-lanternfly>

Beatrix Potter: She was an adept scientific illustrator and a naturalist. Lin Floyd brought the book *A Victorian Naturalist* for the club to enjoy.

The Meeting was adjourned at 11:20 AM.

All enjoyed a wonderful talk about Water Gardening presented by Victor Barsky followed up by a delicious lunch.

Respectfully submitted,

Kelly Hafertepe

Recording Secretary