

Weeder Meeting Minutes
September 20,2022-Flower Show and business meeting
HilltopHouse, Berwyn

President Karen Shepard opened the meeting at 10:40 am by thanking the Elaine Lisle and Laura Carpenter who were the meeting chairs as well as hostesses Gretchen Kiernan, Nancy Holmes, Wendy Quereau, Melissa Oeth and Ellyn Spragins.

Sally Wood's daughter, Melissa, was welcomed as a special guest
Marilyn Sprague read her original poem "A tale of Two Biddies" to commemorate the birthdays of Alice Doering and Sally Wood. It was a beautiful and loving tribute appreciated by all in attendance (see attachment for the poem).

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Sarah Harrity was welcomed as a new member.

The June minutes were approved.

The outgoing treasurer, Michelle Bolton, reviewed several areas of the proposed budget and the new treasurer, Laura Mitchell, asked for any comments to be submitted to her-otherwise the report will be filed.

The concourse Lake fall workday will be held september 22nd at 10am-raindate september 29th.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Archivist/Historian-program books from years 2001/2002, 2005/2006 and years 2013-1029 are requested to be added to the archive-please notify Maria if you have any to offer.

Christmas Sale-Robin Smith delivered a lively request to start thinking about items that can be brought to the christmas sale this year. Polly reported that there are no institutions that are willing to accept tabletop arrangements, so that will be eliminated from the Christmas meeting going forward.

Community Affairs

Gazebo Gardens-Cheryl Cheston encouraged members to come out for fall clean up day and she will offer lunch afterwards.

Hilltop House Gardens-Nancy Holmes reported that four benches and 6 urns will be provided by the township.

Ronald McDonald House-zinnia arrangements were done in August procured from Maple Acres Farm in Plymouth Meeting-also discussed is that there are other produce items for sale at that farm and open to the public.

Jeanes Library-Beth Bartle reported that due to such a hot summer, weeding didn't always occur but is scheduled for Thursday mornings.

Stafford Station-Melissa Oeth reported that 7 containers of new plantings were tended on Tuesday mornings at 9am.

Conservation-Lloyd Brown stated that this year conservation will use Doug Tallamy's book "Nature's best hope" as the guide for activities and they will provide a tip of the month. This month's tip is to plant oak trees (many varieties for various spaces) which is the best tree to provide for caterpillars and birds.

Crazy for Containers-Ellyn Spragins asked for feedback from members regarding the quality and likes or dislikes of the previous year's offerings.

Data Base/Governance-Ellie Penniman reported that the Conestoga intern was able to complete several years of the database and asked for feedback regarding any mistakes. She also requested the name of CPA to do an audit of the books (as is normal for any change in treasurer personnel).

Fertilizer Fund-Karen Shepard described the fertilizer fund as the vehicle by which the PCGCA donates to urban gardens in the area. She requests 100% participation by the Weeders.

Flower Show-Jeanne May stated that next year the flower show will be on a Monday, with the program being given the next day so that flower show workers may attend the lecture.

Garden History and Design-no report

GCA Bulletin, Membership/Hospitality-Marily Sprague stated that the new member reception will be in November.

Horticulture-Jeanne May gave the tip of the month which is that now is the time to cut back peonies. Alice Doering also requested feedback from members regarding a good challenge plant to propose. The pruning workshop will also be postponed.

Photography-Melissa Bullitt reminded members to start taking photographs now for the spring show. There will be a Photography workshop on November 3 focusing on the mounting process for photographs.

Print and Communications/Trips and Tours-Cheryl Cheston stated that there will be a member's garden tour again in the spring of members in the western suburbs.

Program-Laura Carpenter said the February meeting will be done on zoom with other clubs to discuss bird migration.

Scholarship-a request for names of potential recipients was requested.

Visiting Gardens-Polly Garnett gave a reminder to ask her to procure garden tours if members are going elsewhere on trips.

It was announced that Bidy Edwards was featured in the CGA Bulletin describing members who have a great commitment to conservation.

Website-Elaine Lisle has updated the membership directory and is now the chairwoman.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:38 am and Laura Carpenter introduced the speaker, Beth Adams, who described the non -profit organization she founded in 2018 called "Petals Please". Since that time, they have delivered over 75,000 bouquets to the elderly, first line responders, teachers and school bus drivers. The flowers are donated and sourced from funeral homes or brides who would like to donate the flowers that were used in the services. It is entirely run by volunteers. She said that they also welcome other community members to help make arrangements and have had school groups and others who come together to design these bouquets.

Respectfully submitted,

Heather Gallagher
Weeders Recording Secretary