**Weeders Meeting**

**September 19, 2023**

**Hilltop House**

Karen opened the meeting and thanked the meeting committee, Robin Smith, Marilyn Sprague, Connie Carlson, Beth Hayes, Gretchen Kiernan, Anne Rhoads and Ellyn Spragins.

Karen welcomed guests Kat Hissinger, Kay Fletcher and Michele Schwartz.

**Announcements**

**Minutes**

The June minutes were reviewed and Ellie Penniman made the motion to approve and Elaine Lisle seconded it. The motion was approved.

**Treasurer Report**

Because of the pandemic we haven’t used the budget as we normally would, leaving us with an excess of money. This additional money and the placement of it will be discussed at the Executive Committee meeting. Ellie Penniman made the motion to approve and Michele Bolton seconded it. The budget was approved, with the proviso that the 25K transfer to Vanguard not be listed as an expense going forward.

**Workshops**

There is a pruning workshop given by Jim Ward on September 28 and a Kokedama workshop on Tuesday October 3 both at 9:30 both at Julie DeVuono’s house.

The Shirley Meniece Conference is October 18 and is virtual.

PCGCA Joint Meeting is November 1 at Philadelphia Country Club.

**Vision Committee**

The goal of this committee is to gather information about what the Weeders value. There is a survey that will be distributed and groups will be set up. There will be eight Weeders and two facilitators in each group. It should take about two hours. An email will be sent soon regrading this event.

**Committee Reports**

**Admissions-** Diane McCallister reported that the committee is changing the format slightly and will be developing a membership questionnaire.

**Archivist/Historian**- Maria Thompson

No report was made.

**Awards**- Marilyn Sprague

There was nothing to report and welcomed any suggestions.

**Christmas Sale**- Murfee Aceto

The Weeders were asked to start thinking about homemade goods they will contribute.

**Gazebo Garden-** Cheryl Cheston was away.

**Jeanes Library**- Sonya Driscoll/Coco Jarvis

Five Weeders shared their weeding energies over the summer. Fall crocuses were planted in September.

**Strafford Station-** Melissa Oeth

All is looking good. Thanks to Murfee for providing leftover flowers from the horse show.

**Hilltop House**-Jeanne May/Nancy Holmes

The gardens look great and are being maintained on a weekly basis by an energetic group of Weeders.

**RMH-** Ellen Pemberton

There is a committee meeting to put arrangements together on October 24. Arrangements were made in August and all are welcome to join.

**Conservation-** Weezy Johnson

Weezy had a conversation with the chair of Zone 5 about what other clubs are doing such as planting natives, turning off lights during the bird migration period and giving up single use plastic bags. There are master classes being offered at PSU via zoom. She asked for suggestions to build nesting boxes.

**Crazy for Containers-** Patty Greenhalgh/Jackie Burke

They were absent so there was no report.

**Data Base and Governance-** Ellie Penniman

We had an intern help with the data base this summer and it is up to date.

**Fertilizer Fund**-Nancy Evans

Nancy suggested we go to the PCGCA website and read about the fund and where the proceeds go. They raised about $42,000.

**Flower Show**- Monica Church/Jen Fryberger

Nothing to report. The results of the Flower Show will be distributed with the minutes.

**Garden History and Design**- Diane McCallister/Cheryl Cheston

They are documenting Lynn Gibbons gardens.

**Horticulture**- Cindy Pierce/Jeanne May

Jeanne announced the two upcoming workshops at Julie DeVuono’s house and sent around signup sheets for them.

Alice offered a ficus deltoidea as our challenge plant. The original cutting from Cindy Pierce via Betsy Roberts (Weezie’s aunt).

**Print and Communications/Trips and Tours**- Cheryl Cheston

Nothing to report

**Program**- Laura Carpenter/Michele Bolton

They said there’s an amazing year planned.

**Scholarship**- Sonya/Coco Jarvis

Nancy Evans and Coco delivered a $3000 check to Norris Sq. and inspected a number of newly refurbished community gardens. Wood was repurposed into furniture, lively coats of paint added more color to the gardens, and more areas were renovated. Our donation was gladly accepted. Photos of Norris Sq. are on the Weeder website.

**Visiting Gardens**- Polly Garnett

If you’d like to visit a private garden/s in your travels, Polly will try to arrange it.

**Website**-Elaine Lisle

Call Elaine if you are having trouble with it. She is hoping to create a website tutorial.

The meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Jeanne May, Recording Secretary

Weeder Minutes, September 25, 2023