

NCGC May, 2017 General Meeting

May 4, 2017

****President**

Cheryl Fawvor welcomed members to Hasta La Pasta at 11:30 and announced that we would eat first, and then have a short business meeting followed by the Busy Bee Exchange and the collection of donations for Katy Christian Ministries.

After lunch, Cheryl called the business meeting to order. She thanked Mary Lou Proctor, Pat Plesko, Chris Rogers, and Lisa Holden for arranging today's luncheon. Cheryl then introduced each member of the board and thanked them for the successful 2016-2017 year.

****Secretary:** Linda Warren announced that the approved minutes from April are now posted on the website.

****Treasurer:** Vikki Rogers presented the treasurer's report:

Starting Balance	\$8,884.35
Income	1,184.00
Expenses	<u>304.00</u>
Ending Balance	\$9,764.25

Vikki cautioned that although we have a nice bank balance, almost \$2500 will go "out the door" this week as we pay for the luncheon and Federation dues.

****Programs:** Mary Lou Proctor

In addition to thanking Mary Lou, Cheryl introduced next year's 1st and 2nd Vice Presidents, Carole Royer and Chris Rogers. They have already been meeting weekly, and they ask each member to turn in a completed survey to help them plan programs. The surveys were emailed out earlier, but extra copies are on the table.

****Parliamentarian:** Kim

****Fundraising:** Lori Fay/Kim Patrick/Nan Righter

Cheryl announced that Mary Weatherl was the winner of the silent auction for the rain barrel. She also asked members to take pictures of this year's caladiums and post these on Facebook. Flora will use these to create a slide presentation for next year. Cheryl also cautioned members to keep the bulbs watered over

the summer and to mark where they are planted.

****Historian:** Margaret St. Clair

****Hospitality:** Pamela Stephens thanked all of the hostesses for a successful year. She also needs volunteers for next year, especially for September and October. The sign-up sheet is on the table.

****Membership:** Patti Crawford was not present, but our new Membership Chairman, Laurel Gonzalez, reminded members that dues are due by May 15.

****Directory –** Alice

****Newsletter:** Flora Tiedt

****Publicity:** Pat Plesko

Cheryl thanked Pat and her husband Edd, who is our webmaster. Cheryl presented Pat with the club's thank-you check for Edd.

****Sunshine and Lunch:** Maddy Gardner

****Horticulture:** Jean Bays

Jean asked members to post pictures of their flowers on the Facebook page over the summer.

**** Federation:** Sharon Cecil

Sharon was not present, but Cheryl announced the next Fed meeting will be Friday, May 12, and will have a presentation on the Atwater Prairie Chicken National Wildlife Refuge. Cheryl announced a raffle that will benefit the Federation's scholarship project. The prize is worth \$1,000 and includes 2 tickets to the Southern Gardener Symposium in St. Francisville, LA., Oct. 19-21. The tickets are \$25 each or 3 for \$50. Cheryl has tickets to sell today and will have them at the Sept. and Oct. meetings.

Cheryl also announced that our Fed representative for next year will be Karen Holmes.

Donna Luther described a proposal currently being discussed at the Fed. It would do away with the requirement that members of the Fed. must also join the Texas Garden Club. If passed, this would save the club some money.

****New Business:** Cheryl Fawvor

Cheryl thanked Kathy Glass for being our Neighborhood Representative for the year. Thanks to Kathy, we qualify to use the MUD Building for our meetings.

Every year the club donates to local non-profits. This year the board has proposed that we give \$500 each to the Katy Prairie Conservancy and the Bayou Preservation Association. Nan Righter spoke about the BPA, and Jean Bays spoke about the work of the KPC. Cheryl asked if there were any proposals from the floor. Gayle Spence asked that we think about funding a scholarship for next year. The board is already looking into this. Cheryl called for a vote on giving \$500 each to the KPC and the BPA. It passed unanimously.

Thought for the Day:

Don't judge a day by the harvest you reap but rather by the seeds that you
sow.

Robert Louis Stephenson

Mary Lou presented Cheryl with a thank-you gift from the club – a beautiful stained glass version of our logo, made by Vikki Rogers.

The meeting was adjourned, and the Busy Bee Exchange began.