

NCGC November, 2017 General Meeting

November 9, 2017

****President: Cheryl Fawvor**

Cheryl called the meeting to order, welcomed members and guests, and called on Chris Rogers to introduce our speaker – Mary Karish. Mary presented an entertaining and informative lecture on growing citrus in Houston.

After the presentation Cheryl started the business meeting.

****Secretary: Linda Warren**

The minutes from the October meeting are on the website.

****Treasurer: Vikki Rogers**

Vikki gave the treasurer's report as of October 31, 2017:

Beginning balance	\$7,792.42
Income	653.00 (plant sale, raffle, workshop, luncheon and membership renewals)
Expenses	912.30 (speaker fee, directory, state dues, MUD set-up, and misc.)
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Current balance	\$7,533.12

**** Federation: Karen Holmes**

The Federation will meet on Friday, Nov. 10. The social hour begins at 10:00. The program will be on Gardening for a Challenged Lifestyle. Anyone interested in going should contact Cheryl.

****Programs: Chris Rogers/Carole Royer/Pat Plesko**

Carole reminded members of upcoming field trips and activities:

11/14 – Christmas Craft. This will be a workshop at the home of Alice Brown. The cost for materials is \$5. A few spots are still open.

11/16 – Enchanted Gardens. Lunch will be at the Swinging Door, and we will carpool. Meet at the MUD at 8:15. Drivers are needed. Today is the last day to sign up, and 33 members have signed up so far. We will have a presentation on container planting (Thriller, Filler, and Spiller) and a tour.

12/7 – Christmas Luncheon. Pat Plesko is taking reservations for the luncheon. It will be at 11:30 at the Pappadeaux on I-10. The cost is \$28. The deadline to reserve a spot is today, and we have 33 members planning to

attend.

1/18 - The Fern Plantation. We will meet at the MUD building at 8:30 to carpool. There will be a presentation by Darla Harris, followed by shopping time and lunch at Hickory Corral.

****Parliamentarian: Kim Patrick**

In Kim's absence, Cheryl announced that there are three open positions for next year's Board of Directors: 2nd VP, Secretary, and Treasurer. Linda Warren and Vikki Rogers have agreed to continue, but anyone interested in any of these positions can put his/her name on the ballot. Just contact Cheryl or Kim. The nominees will be presented to the club in Feb. and voted on in Mar.

****Fundraising: Lori Fay/Lisa Spivey/Kim Patrick**

Lisa announced that our major fundraiser this year will again be the sale of caladium bulbs. The sale will start in Jan.

Cheryl reminded members that a few plants are still available in the Plant Shoppe (\$1 for a 4" pot) and to please take home any plants that did not sell.

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

Margaret asked that members send her any pictures that they take at our meetings. Some of the pictures taken on our phones have turned out better than the ones she has taken on her professional camera.

****Hospitality: Mary Weatherl**

Cheryl thanked Mary for agreeing to chair this committee. Mary introduced today's hostesses. She also passed around a sheet for members to volunteer for future meetings.

****Membership/Directory: Laurel Gonzalez/Alice Brown**

Alice reported that we have 46 members present today. We also have two new members (Bonnie Harding and Cheri Zhou) and four visitors.

****Newsletter: Flora Tiedt**

Cheryl reported on Flora's behalf that the club has both an open and a closed Facebook page. She encouraged members to join the closed FB group.

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

Lunch today will be at The Cellar Door.

****Horticulture: Jean Bays**

Pat Chislett filled in for Jean in identifying a variety of blooms brought in by members.

****Drawings: Lori Fay**

The winners were:

Indoor/Outdoor Clock – Susie Griffin

Beaded Table Runner – Linda Warren

Flower Wall Décor – Chris Rogers

Fall Plant/Centerpiece – Margaret Sinclair

Cheryl thanked Lori for doing a great job of picking items for our drawings.

****New Business: Cheryl Fawvor**

Cheryl thanked all who have volunteered so far this year.

Thought for the day: Gratitude unlocks the fullness of life.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:30.