

# **NCGC January, 2018 General Meeting**

## **January 4, 2018**

### **\*\*President: Cheryl Fawvor**

Cheryl welcomed those here today and introduced Carole Royer, 2<sup>nd</sup> VP. Carole introduced the speaker: Denise Lopez from Enchanted Gardens/Enchanted Forest.

After the presentation, Cheryl called the business meeting to order.

### **\*\*Secretary: Linda Warren**

The minutes from the December meeting are on the website.

### **\*\*Treasurer: Vikki Rogers**

Vikki gave the treasurer's report as of: December 31.

Beginning balance	\$8,341.25
Income	264.00 (raffle, membership, and luncheon)
Expenses	<u>1,146.52 (luncheon and misc.)</u>
Current balance	\$7,458.73

### **\*\* Federation: Karen Holmes**

Karen announced that the next Fed meeting will be on Friday, Jan. 12 and that the speaker will be Bart Brechter on Restoring the Camellias at Bayou Bend. There are also some upcoming classes of interest. Flower Show Judging classes require registration by Jan. 22, and Karen has the forms for this. Also, Master Naturalist classes will be held in March.

### **\*\*Programs: Chris Rogers/Carole Royer**

Carole reminded members of upcoming field trips and activities:

**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. Thirty have signed up, and sign-ups are now closed.

**2/1 – Dinah Weems** from Bayou Bend will speak on the history of Bayou Bend.

**2/22 – Field Trip to Bayou Bend.** There will be a guided home tour and touring of the gardens on your own. Meet at the MUD building at 8:15 to carpool. Lunch will be on your own at Tiny Boxwoods. We can take 30 people, and 20 have signed up so far. The cost of the house tour is \$11 (senior rate).

**3/8 - Bryan from Wild Birds Unlimited** will be the speaker at our March meeting. Please note that this is a date change for this meeting.

**\*\*Parliamentarian: Kim Patrick**

Kim announced that elections are coming up. Flora Tiedt is in charge of the Nominating Committee.

Cheryl then called on Flora. Flora is asking for volunteers for the following positions: 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> VP, Secretary, and Treasurer. Linda and Vikki have agreed to continue as Sec. and Treas., but volunteers are still welcome.

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

Lisa reported that the annual fundraiser – the sale of caladium bulbs – has started. She has the forms on the back table. Orders will be taken now through March. In response to a question, Cheryl and Flora said that most of last year's plants should come back despite the recent freeze.

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

Margaret has placed the last two annual scrapbooks on the back table. She also has several extra pictures available for anyone to take.

**\*\*Hospitality: Mary Weatherl**

Mary asked this month's hostesses to stand and be recognized. We have a full slate of volunteers for now through April.

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

Today we have 39 members and 3 guests present. In all, we have 81 paid members. Cheryl asked the visitors – all from Fort Bend Master Gardeners – to stand.

Alice reported that the updated directory will be available next month and that an electronic version of the directory will also be available.

**\*\*Newsletter: Flora Tiedt**

The newsletter is posted on the website. Next month will continue the discussion on roses.

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

Lunch today will be at Tony's Mexican.

**\*\*Horticulture: Jean Bays**

In Jean's absence, Pat Chislett identified a rose and an amaryllis brought in today.

**\*\*Drawings: Lori Fay**

The winners were:

Crochet throw (donated by Nan Richter's daughter) – Peggy Ralston

Stained Glass (donated by Vikki Rogers) – Kim Patrick

Ladybug Area Rug – Amy Marinucci

Door Prize Plant (donated by Laurel Gonzalez) – Laurel Gonzalez!!

**\*\*New Business: Cheryl Fawvor**

Cheryl encouraged all members to volunteer and/or to run for office.

Thought for the day:

There are no gardening mistakes, only experiments.

--Janet Phillips

The meeting was adjourned at 11:20.