

NCGC September, 2018 General Meeting

September 6, 2018

****President: Cheryl Fawvor**

Cheryl welcomed all members and visitors. She then called on Flora Tiedt to introduce today's speaker. Mary Karish spoke on "Insects in the Garden: The Good, the Bad, and the Not So Ugly." After the presentation, Cheryl called the business meeting to order. She presented an appreciation certificate to Pat Plesko for her nine years of service.

****Secretary: Linda Warren**

The minutes from the May meeting are on the website.

****Treasurer: Vikki Rogers**

Vikki distributed two handouts (see below) and orally read out the financial reports for last May and for the summer months.

Financial Report June 1, 2017 through May 31, 2018:

Beginning balance	\$7,736.10	
Income	5,892.00	(plant sale, raffle, bulb sales, luncheons, donations)
Expenses	6,465.76	(Dues, Speaker fees, misc., Webmaster gift, annual donations, MUD set-up, MUD annual fee, raffles, bulb sales, directory, holiday luncheon, EOY luncheon)
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Current balance	\$7,162.35	

The other handout was the 2018-2019 Budget. After a brief discussion, Debbie Hamm moved to accept the budget. Karen Holmes seconded the motion. Cheryl called for a show of hands, and the motion passed.

****Programs: Flora Tiedt**

Flora presented the upcoming meetings and field trips:

Sept. 11 Field trip – The Fern Plantation and Plants for all Seasons, with lunch at Gianna Italian Kitchen.

Oct. 4 - Linda Gay on "Bulbs for Naturalizing on the Gulf Coast."
Oct. 23 – Field Trip to Brookwood Horticulture Dept.
Nov. 5 – Field Trip to the Painted Churches.

Flora described each field trip and explained some changes this year. All trips will be by bus. There will be no fee for the trips on Sep. 11 and Oct. 23, but we will pass around an envelope on the bus for the driver's lunch expense. There is a \$13 fee for the Nov. trip to the Painted Churches. Sign-up sheets are out today for all three trips. A new feature is a Wait List sign-up sheet. If we do not get enough members to sign up for a big bus (aprox. 38), we will be able to sign up to bring a friend or spouse.

Those going on the Sept. field trip are asked to meet at the MUD parking lot by 8:30. We should return around 3:30. Please bring address labels, flats, bags, etc. to hold and ID any plants you may buy.

The Brookwood and Painted Church trips will leave the MUD parking lot at 8:15.

Today is the last day to sign up for the Fern Plantation trip. Oct. 4 will be the last chance to sign up for the Oct. and Nov. trips.

Thank you, Flora, for all of your work – alone! – setting up the programs and trips.

****Parliamentarian: Kim Patrick**

Welcome Back!

Plant Shoppe: Nan Righter/Kim Patrick

Nan reported that we had ONE PLANT for sale today!! Don't forget to bring plants to meetings.

****Hospitality: Mary Weatherl**

Alice Brown is filling in for Mary in Sept. Alice asked the hostesses to stand and be recognized. She pointed out that there is a list of hostesses for each month on the back of the Directory. If anyone needs to change or cancel, please let Mary Weatherl know.

Cheryl thanked Alice for the Directory, which was distributed today.

Cheryl then recognized our Neighborhood Representative Kathy Glass. Kathy is our sponsor with the MUD, which allows us to rent the building.

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

Laurel reported that we have 52 members present today, with two new members and eight visitors.

****Newsletter:**

Flora encouraged members to join the closed Facebook page. Flyers with instructions are on the back table. Cheryl introduced Kay Champagne, who will be taking over the Newsletter this year.

****Publicity: Susie Griffin**

Cheryl thanked Susie for agreeing to take over our publicity for this year. Cheryl also encouraged members to pick up NCGC business cards and pass them to others who express an interest in the club. The cards are on the membership table.

****Horticulture: Jean Bays**

Jean identified plants brought in by members and gave a short talk about Hatch chilies.

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

Please let Maddy know if members have needs. She will send a card for the club. Lunch today will be at Babin's.

****Drawings: Carole Royer**

The winners were:

Lantern – Linda Warren

Fall Wreath (donated by Alice Brown) – Nan Righter

Watering can and gardening gloves – Karen Holmes

Door Prize plants – Visitor Anthony Morgan and Pat Plesko

**** Federation: Karen Holmes**

Karen reminded members that their dues include membership in the Fed. There is a new location on Sunset Blvd for Fed meetings. Karen has raffle tickets for the Southern Garden Symposium in Oct. Raffle money goes for scholarships. The next Fed meeting will be Sept. 14.

****New Business: Cheryl Fawvor**

Please help yourself to magazines and calendars on the back table.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:35.