

NCGC February, 2018 General Meeting

February 1, 2018

****President: Cheryl Fawvor**

Cheryl called the meeting to order at 10:00. She wished Phyllis Hogue a Happy Birthday today, and then she introduced Chris Rogers. Chris gave some background on Ima Hogg and then introduced Dinah Weems, a docent from Bayou Bend.

After an interesting slide show and presentation on "Miss Ima Hogg – Great American Collector," Cheryl called the business meeting to order.

****Secretary: Linda Warren**

The minutes from the January meeting are on the website.

****Treasurer: Vikki Rogers**

Vikki gave the treasurer's report:

Beginning balance	\$7,458.73
Income	157.00 (raffle, plant sale, membership)
Expenses	<u>200.00 (speaker fee, MUD set-up)</u>
Current balance	\$7,415.73

**** Federation: Karen Holmes**

The next meeting will be on Feb. 9, and the topic will be Houston's Designing Women. Please see Cheryl or Karen if you would like to carpool to this meeting.

****Programs: Carole Royer**

Carole announced upcoming meetings and field trips:

Feb. 22 - Field Trip to Bayou Bend. Members will meet at the MUD at 8:15 to carpool. There will be a 60-minute guided house tour and a self-guided grounds tour. The cost is \$11. Lunch will be at Tiny Boxwoods.

March 8 – Elizabeth Fisher will speak on "How to Grow (or Kill) Orchids in 3 Easy Steps."

April 19 – Field Trip to Mercer Arboretum. The sign-up sheet is out today. Members will meet at the MUD at 8:45 to carpool. The trip is free, but we are limited to 20 participants. Lunch will be on your own at Panera Bread after the tour.

****Parliamentarian: Kim Patrick**

Kim thanked the members for controlling their talking during the presentation.

Cheryl then called on Flora Tiedt to report from the Nominating Committee. Flora also thanked Pat Chislett for assisting her in finding nominees. The vote will be at the March meeting, and the nominees are:

Treasurer – Vikki Rogers

Secretary – Linda Warren

2nd VP – Flora Tiedt

1st VP – Kathy Coleman

Cheryl asked if there were any nominations from the floor. There were none.

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

Margaret announced that she will be stepping down at the end of this year, so she is looking for a replacement.

****Hospitality: Mary Weatherl**

Mary thanked today's hostesses and had them stand to be recognized. She is in need of one more hostess for March (St. Patrick's Day theme) and two for April (Easter theme).

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

Laurel announced that we have 48 members today and no guests. Our total membership is 83. Membership dues for next year are due by May, and the forms are out on the table today.

Alice announced that she has updated our directory and has a hard copy of the update for members to pick up. She also is heading up the End-of-the-Year Luncheon. It will be at the MUD Building and will cost \$10.

****Newsletter: Flora Tiedt**

This month's newsletter is on roses. February is the perfect time to prune roses. If anyone is not yet on our closed Facebook group, please see Flora. She will help members get started.

Since Flora is moving up to 2nd VP for next year, we are in need of someone to take over the Newsletter.

****Publicity: Pat Plesko**

Cheryl thanked Pat for keeping the community aware of our activities.

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

Lunch today will be at Carrabbas.

****Horticulture: Jean Bays**

Blooms were scarce today because of the freeze. Jean Identified the two brought in by members: an antique rose and a Japanese Quince.

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

There were no plants in the Plant Shoppe today.

Lisa could not be at the meeting, so Linda Warren announced that the Caladium Bulb Sale has started. Forms and information are on the back table. The sale will continue at the March meeting.

****Drawings: Lori Fay**

Today's winners were:

Mosaic patio table – Vikki Rogers

Bird Feeder/Bird Bath – Laurel Gonzalez

Heart Quilt and Heart Dish (donated by Nan Righter) – Laurel Gonzalez

Door Prize – Anthurium plant – Doris Netto

****New Business: Cheryl Fawvor**

Cheryl encouraged members to consider volunteering for one of the open committee positions for next year.

Thought for the day:

Alone we can do so little.

Together we can do so much.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:15.