

NCGC April, 2018 General Meeting

April 5, 2018

****President: Cheryl Fawvor**

Cheryl called the meeting to order at 10:00 and welcomed members and guests. She introduced Carole Royer, who then introduced the speaker: Jacob Martin from Mercer Arboretum.

Following the presentation, Cheryl called the business meeting to order. First, Mary Lou Proctor came forward for the presentation of a certificate recognizing her service to the club. Thank you, Mary Lou for serving as 1st VP, and thank you, Alice Brown for creating the certificate.

****Secretary: Linda Warren**

The minutes from the March meeting are on the website.

****Treasurer: Vikki Rogers**

Vikki gave the treasurer's report:

Beginning balance	\$8,492.56
Income	1,307.00(plant sale, raffle, bulb sales, EOY Luncheon)
Expenses	<u>649.15(speaker fee, bulb expenses, misc., MUD set-up)</u>
Current balance	\$9,150.41

Vikki reminded the club that May is the month when much of our money is spent – on Fed. dues, EOY Luncheon, etc.

Members are also urged to pay their dues for next year by the May meeting.

**** Federation: Karen Holmes**

Karen announced that the next meeting of the Federation will be April 13. Following the meeting, there will be new officer orientation. Please see Karen for more information.

****Programs: Carole Royer**

Carol reminded members of the upcoming program:

April 19 – Field Trip to Mercer Arboretum. Please meet at the MUD at 8:45 to carpool to Mercer. We will have a guided tour, followed by time to wander. Afterward, lunch will be at Panera Bread. The admission is free, but we will make a donation. We are limited to 20 max. Currently we have a few slots open, but

today is the last chance to sign up.

Fundraising: Lisa Spivey

Lisa reported that some pink caladium bulbs were left over and are included in today's plant swap. Cheryl thanked Lisa for her work on this successful sale.

Nan Richter asked that everyone take two or three plants home today and reminded members that they must take any unclaimed plants home.

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

Keep Smiling!

****Hospitality: Mary Weatherl**

Mary passed around a sign-up sheet for hostesses for next year. She also asked today's hostesses to stand and be recognized.

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

Laurel reported that we have 49 members present today and that three people joined today. We now have a total of 87 members. If anyone has not yet paid their dues, the form is available and payment can be mailed to Laurel.

Alice reminded members of the EOY Luncheon. It will include a Busy Bee Exchange. If you want to participate, bring a wrapped, garden-themed gift of approximately \$15.

****Newsletter:**

The Announcements are on the back table. New members – please join us on our Facebook page.

Publicity: Pat Plesko

Pat needs a volunteer to take over publicity for next year.

Sunshine and Lunch: Maddy Gardner

Lunch today will be at Tony's.

****Horticulture: Jean Bays**

Jean explained to new members the procedures for bringing horticulture specimens and then identified a variety of blooms brought in today.

****Drawings: Lori Fay**

The winners were:

Vase and hydrangeas (donated by Pat Plesko) – Pat Morf

Bird Table – Carole Royer

Turtle birdbath – Vikki Rogers

Door Prizes – Pat Plesko and Lisa Spivey

****New Business: Cheryl Fawvor**

Thought for the day:

If you have the power to make someone happy – Do it!

The world needs more of that.

The meeting was adjourned for members to go to the Plant Swap.