

NCGC March, 2019 General Meeting

March 7, 2019

****President: Cheryl Fawvor**

Cheryl called the meeting to order at 10:00. She introduced the VP of Programs, Flora Tiedt. Flora introduce Don Dubois, who spoke on Building a Butterfly Garden with Native Plants. After this informative talk, Cheryl called the business meeting to order. Alice Brown has agreed to take the vacant Historian position. Thank you, Alice! Cheryl then announced that the minutes would be on the website, and she called on Board members.

****Treasurer: Vikki Rogers**

Vikki gave the treasurer's report:

Beginning balance \$6,438.23

Income 422.03 (Plant Shoppe, Raffle, Gloves, Amazon
Smile)

Expenses 640.59 (Speaker Fee, Set-up, Web Hosting, Misc.)

Current balance \$6,219.67

Vikki explained how we can get money for the club from Amazon Smile, and she urged everyone to renew their membership by May.

****Programs: Flora Tiedt**

Flora has flyers available for our Spring Field Trips and sign-up sheets are out.

4/29 – Hope Farms in Conroe. Some registered daylilies can be pricey, and this facility does not take credit cards. So plan ahead and shop carefully! Lunch will be at the Black Walnut at the Conroe Airport.

5/21 – Leach Teaching Gardens at A &M. There will be a 7-acre walking guided tour, but members can stop whenever they need to. Lunch will be at Must Be Heaven.

Both trips will be by bus, and both should return around 2:30. Please sign up.

End-of-Year Luncheon: Frankie Green

The Luncheon/Garden Party will be on May 2 at the MUD Building from 11:00-1:30. The cost is \$10, with the club subsidizing as a thank you to members. We

will dine on catered-in sandwiches, desserts, tea, coffee, and lemonade.

In the past the club has had the Busy Bee Gift Exchange at the luncheon. This year we are open to other ideas. Some have suggested that we collect garden-related books to donate to a school or classroom library. We would need someone to look into the school's rules governing donations. Another suggestion was to donate to the Girl Scouts. They are looking for Chapter Books for summer camps. Additionally, it was mentioned that we might donate books or puzzles to a nursing home. Frankie pointed out that it is late in the season to organize these possibilities, but next year we could ask a volunteer to explore these ideas. For this year, we just need to decide on the Busy Bee. Frankie called for a vote whether to include this exchange at this year's luncheon, and it passed. The Busy Bee rules include that the item be garden related and cost \$10-\$15.

Please sign up either today or at the April Meeting to attend the luncheon.

****Parliamentarian: Kim Patrick**

Cheryl introduced the nominees for next year's board:

President – Chris Rogers

2nd VP – Mary Weatherl

Parliamentarian – Sharon Cecil (Kim Patrick is resigning at the end of the year.)

Cheryl had each nominee stand and asked for any nominees from the floor. There were none. We voted on each of the candidates, and each got a unanimous vote. Cheryl thanked the Nominating Committee: Marilyn Frueh, Pat Chislett, and Sue Straub.

****Fundraising: Lori Fay**

In Lori's absence, Cheryl reminded members that the Plant Sale will be at the MUD (inside) after the April meeting. Start propagating plants now! Donations should be labeled – at least with "Sun" or "no Sun." A suggested donation will be posted based on size of plant. Sales will be by cash or check – no change! Come early to set up if you are bringing a lot of plants. Lori is in charge of this event.

Carole Royer still has gloves to sell.

****Plant Shoppe: Nan Righter**

Several great plants were brought in today. Nan offered the last four at "four for a dollar."

****Hospitality: Mary Weatherl**

Cheryl asked this month's hostesses to stand. Thank you, hostesses.

****Membership: Laurel Gonzalez**

We have 61 in attendance today, including one new member, seven visitors, and 54 members.

Cheryl thanked Nancy Calderone for helping Laurel at the Membership table.

****Newsletter: Kay Champagne**

The Newsletter was emailed to members and is on the website.

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

Lunch today will be at Red River Barbecue. Maddy asked for feedback from members on what we would like for lunch and possible restaurants to try.

Publicity: Susie Griffin

Susie has advertised the meetings in local media. Cheryl asked members to also pick up club business cards to pass out when they meet prospective members.

****Horticulture: Jean Bays**

Jean identified plants brought in by members.

**** Federation: Karen Holmes**

Cheryl announced that the Fed. meeting will be on Native Plants tomorrow.

****Drawings: Carol Royer**

The winners were:

Painted Birdhouse – Pat Morf

Book on Texas Gardening – Visitor

Serving Dish – Norma Beustring

Orchid Door Prize – Gayle Spence

Cheryl announced that magazines on the table are for anyone, and if anyone is interested in helping with the Board next year – please see her.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:35.