

## **NCGC September, 2019 General Meeting**

### **September 5, 2019**

#### **\*\*President: Chris Rogers**

Chris called the meeting to order at 10:: in our emergency location at the Memorial Parkway Clubhouse. She introduced the speaker, Linda Gay, who spoke on "Shady Gingers and Flirty Companions."

Following the presentation, Chris introduced and called for reports from the 2019-2020 Board.

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

The minutes are posted on the website each month. Laurel has printed directions on accessing the website and our Facebook page.

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

Vikki gave the treasurer's report for May, 2019:

Beginning balance	\$8,269.64
Income	406.00 (Plant Sale, Glove Sale, Luncheon, Smile)
Expenses	2,393.96 (Speaker Fee, MUD Set-up, State Dues, Misc. Annual Donations, EOY Luncheon)
Current balance	\$6,281.68

Vikki also presented the reports for June-August, 2019 and the annual report for Sep, 2018-Aug, 2019.

Finally, Vikki presented the 2019-2020 Budget and explained some items. Since we are a non-profit, we are trying to spend down some of the surplus we have had the past few years. Therefore, we spend more than we take in each year. Sue Straub asked whether we could spend down our funds by having the club donate the raffle items, instead of selling tickets. Vikki said that we could look into that.

Cheryl Fawvor moved that we accept the budget. Linda Warren seconded the motion. Chris called for a vote, and the budget was accepted.

#### **\*\*Programs: Mary Weatherl**

Our first field trip of the year will be on Sept. 24. We will take the bus to Moody Gardens in Galveston. The sign-up sheet is out today. So far 18 have signed up.

We will meet at the MUD parking lot at 8:15.

**\*\*Parliamentarian: Lisa Holden**

**\*\*Fundraising: Carole Royer**

The Drawings will be at the end of the meeting.

**\*\*Plant Shoppe: Nan Righter**

Because of space considerations, there was no Plant Shoppe today.

**\*\* Federation: Cheryl Fawvor**

The next Fed meeting will be Friday, 9/13. A Harris County Ag Agent will speak on Beneficial Insects. If you are interested in attending, let Cheryl or Chris know so you can carpool. The meeting starts at 10:00 in the Rice University area.

**\*\*Membership: Laurel Gonzalez**

We have 51 members present today, along with seven visitors and six who have joined today. We currently have 77 active members.

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

Sixteen have indicated they will attend lunch today at Babin's. Chris explained how important it is to get an accurate count so that the restaurant does not prepare for more people than it needs to. Please only say you will attend if you are sure that you will. Maddy also asked that members keep her informed of needs within the club so that she can send cards.

**\*\*Historian: Alice Brown**

Alice explained that she will take an assortment of pictures at each meeting and post them on Facebook.

**\*\*Horticulture: Doris Netto**

Jean Bays has stepped down after many years of Horticulture. Thank you, Jean, and welcome to Doris Netto. Jean will help Doris and will also assist Lori Faye in our Spring Plant Sale.

There is no horticulture today due to space considerations.

**\*\*Hospitality: Janet White**

Thank you to this month's hostesses. Please sign up to bring food if you haven't done so yet.

Janet introduced a new feature of our meetings that she suggested. If anyone has garden-related materials – pots, tools, etc. – they no longer want, they can bring them to give away to others who may want them.

**\*\*Newsletter: Kay Champagne**

If anyone has a request of information they would like to see in the Newsletter, let Kay know.

**\*\*Publicity: Susie Griffin**

The October information has been sent to local news outlets and should be appearing soon.

**\*\*Directory: Gayle Spence**

Gayle was not in attendance, but Alice Brown announced that Gayle has agreed to do the directory. It will come out in Dec. or Jan.

New members, please stick around after the meeting so that Alice can take your picture.

**\*\*Drawings: Carol Royer**

The winners were:

Solar Butterfly Table – Cheryl Fawvor

Vase of fresh flowers – Alice Brown

Solar Birdbath – Peggy Ralston

Mum Door Prize – Karen McCoy

Gift Card for Arbor Gate Nursery (donated by Linda Gay) – Michelle Williams

Dancing Ladies Ginger (donated by Cheryl Fawvor) – Maryam

Cheryl has more gingers for sale. Proceeds will be donated to the club. She will post details.

**\*\*New Business: Chris Rogers**

Chris explained that at the last minute the MUD Building was not available for our meeting because of some renovations being done there. She thanked Vikki Rogers and Mary Weatherl for pulling together the substitute location and getting everything set up today. Please help pick up after the meeting so that we can get our deposit back.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:35.