

Gateway Garden Club Meeting Minutes

08/12/2021

On a very hot afternoon, our hostess, Diana Carpenter invited us to partake of her refreshments and at 1:00pm Jean Jacobs called the meeting to order.

Attendance was taken: fourteen members were present: Betty, Kathy G, Jean, Donna, Judy C, Dricka, Judy P, Terri, Mary, Lynn, , Hannah, Sue Ann, Judy H. and Diana. The following were absent: Mona, Ruhamah, Kathie C and Peggy.

SECRETARY'S REPORT: On May 8 the April 8 minutes were emailed out early to all members since I would not be at the June meeting. There were no corrections or deletions, a motion was made to accept the minutes, which was duly seconded. M/S/P.

TREASURER'S REPORT: No treasurer's report.

CORRESPONDING SECRETARY: GGC received a thank you card from Katie Yost for the stuffed animals she received from us for her Katie's Kritters Fundraiser. Birthday cards are being sent out to members. A request was made to send cards to Mona who hurt her back and Peggy Humphreys, whose husband is ailing.

PROJECTS: Parks all look great. Suggestion for next year is to pair up but will need to double up weeks.

OLD BUSINESS: Several members still owe membership dues and a suggestion was made to send reminders to those who are in arrears.

NEW BUSINESS:

- District Meeting is scheduled for September 27 at the Holiday Inn at 8:45 AM. Applications were mailed out to all members.
- GGC Yard Sale is scheduled for October 1, rain date October 8 from 8:00 AM - 2:00 PM. Location is 1425 West King Street (Judy H) or 1408 West King Street (SueAnn). Set up at 7:00 AM.
- 250th Anniversary Beautification Project. All local Garden Clubs will participate in landscaping the markers surrounding the Judicial Center as our contribution to the 250th Martinsburg Celebration.
- Former member and president, Jane Yearout published her book "Along the Red Dirt Road". After a discussion of the book, a motion to purchase a copy and donate it to the library was made and seconded. M/S/P.
- Caretaker or "the MAN" at Poor House Farm claims to be taking care of the planting. Jean will verify if he will take over maintenance at Poor house Farm.
- Project suggested by Hannah to do some minor landscaping around the Oatsdale Park sign on Tavern Rd. with hardy plants and little maintenance. Dricka suggested Dwarf Japanese Cedar from Colonial Nursery.
- Berkeley County Council will procure a sign listing all the garden clubs responsible for the plantings at WMP

The next meeting is at Hannah Geffert's home on September 9 at 1:00 PM. Members will design fall candy jars for nursing home patients. Club will provide all supplies.

The meeting was adjourned at 1:35.

Diana explained what Hypertufa Creations were and how to make the mix. Colonial Nursery donated the plant tray molds and Martinsburg Cleaners gave us the plastic for lining the trays. We proceeded to Diana garage to create our Hypertufa Stepping Stones.

Kathy Gerken,
Recording Secretary