

Gateway Garden Club Meeting Minutes

01/12/2023

January 12 meeting was held at the Blue Ridge Community & Technical College. We were served a specially prepared lunch by chef Gabby of Roasted Chicken Crepes & Rosemary Bechamel Sauce, Rice Pilaf, Broccoli and for dessert Lemon Rosemary cupcake or cranberry rosemary scone. Chef Gabby discussed the use of herbs in cooking and Chef Lane informed us of all the classes available in the Culinary Arts Program.

At 12:48PM the Gateway Garden Club meeting was called to order by President Jean Jacobs.

Attendance was taken: twelve members were present: Betty Bennett, Judy Childs, Mary Duke, Kathy Gerken, Jean Jacobs, Sue Ann Palmer, Judy Pugh, Mona Hayford, Lynn Gibson, Rennie Tressler, Ruhamah Strite and Donna Yost. The following were absent: Grace Vass, Diana Carpenter, and Kathie Campbell.

SECRETARY'S REPORT: Minutes from the last meeting were emailed and a text to the link on the web site was sent prior to the meeting. There was no corrections or deletions. A motion was made to accept the minutes, which was duly seconded. M/S/P

TREASURER'S REPORT: Mona created a Treasurers Report for year ending Dec 31, 2022 and a Budget Proposal which will be emailed to all members.

CORRESPONDING SECRETARY: No report from Lynn.

- Vickie Stedman emailed a reminder of the upcoming State Garden Club Convention at the Holiday Inn on March 24 – 26. All clubs are asked to donate five \$15 door prizes.
 - Mona will donate a custom note book
 - Renee will donate handmade jean apron
 - Sue Ann will donate bird houses
 - Donna will purchase garden flag at Orr's Farm Market
 - Betty will make a purchase at the Bird shop in Winchester.
- Mona acknowledged receipt of several ads for the Home and Garden Tour
- Jean thanks all those who help undecorate the Library
- Earth Day will take place in May 9 – 16 headed up by Mary Duke. Details will follow.
- House and Garden Tour is April 29 – 30 We are showing Sue Ann Palmers home at 1425 W King Street Martinsburg.. Sue Ann suggested we do something creative and different, possibly painted bird houses.
- National Garden Club Convention is held at the Greenbriar on May 2 – 5. It was suggested to reserve room early as blocks are filling up fast.

I ask for the results of the vote for Pam Hansrote's membership into GGC as nothing has been recorded in the minutes since her introduction in June 2022, nor the vote taken in October. Of the fifteen members, Pam received 8 yes, 3 non votes and several no votes as I was not given a count. Despite "receiving the largest numbers of votes" as per bylaws at the time of the vote, she was not "invited to become a member." A discussion ensued and no reason was given for the denial. Sue Ann suggested that the membership process be reviewed and a clearer path to membership be established.

The meeting ended at 1:55PM.

Kathy Gerken,
Recording Secretary