Mount Airy Clay Breakers Garden Club

Minutes

February 11, 2022

12:30 – 1:00 Social

PROGRAM: Guest Speakers from Paint Branch Garden Club talked about Riversdale, its gardens, and updated us on Paint Branch’s activities. Speakers were

Anne Turkos, president of Paint Branch Garden Club; Maya Davis, Director of Riversdale; and Beth Alvarez , past president of Paint Branch.

(1) The History of the Riversdale House Museum was explained. We were told about the Calvert Family who established the University of Maryland. Papers denoting the history of the many families and slaves who resided there are being reviewed with the help of students. Visitors who visit Riversdale can connect the past to the present. (2) The many changes that occurred at the Gardens at Riverdale were explained. Over 206 plants were selected to be planted. Laura Sweeney worked to restore the massive gardens that consisted of squares. (3) Beth talked about the late Arleen Ankeney being a very active member in their garden club. A white oak tree was dedicated to her and planted in 2019. Paint Branch Garden Club also installed a memorial plaque that reads “Arleen Ankeney 1943-2118.” Beth also updated work at being done at Calvert Memorial Park.

Members present: Elaine Arnold, Iona Black, Dot Lower, Diana Morse, Carol Ober, Pam Smart

Members absent: Gilda Allen, Marilyn Berkut, Mary Beth Cecil, Connie Dalpra, Deborah Determan, Arminta Donovan, Lucille Gwynn, Lorraine Leonard, Linda Millette, and Esther Neckere

January minutes were approved as read.

**REPORTS**

Conservation/Education – Lorraine and Mary Beth: no report

Corresponding Secretary/Sunshine – Arminta: a birthday card was sent to Linda and a sympathy card was sent to Lorraine for the death of her brother.

Design – Lorraine: no report

Newsletter – Mary and Pam: no report

Financial Report - Dot sent $50.00 checks each to the Chesapeake Bay Foundation and the Nature Conservancy. Present balance: $1,246.07. Members are reminded to pay annual dues of $25.00.

Technology – Deborah and Linda. They are almost finished scanning in documents. Linda informed us that we are missing minutes for April, May, and June 2009. Iona doesn’t have copies so if you happen to have them on file, please forward a copy to Linda or Deborah.

**UPDATES**

* Our yearbook was sent to District I for award consideration
* Bus trip is scheduled for May to Delaware (must wear mask and be fully vaccinated)
* District 1 meeting is March 25

March 10th program will be presented by floral designer Dexter Fields, with thanks to Gilda for making the arrangements.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

Funeral service for Julie is scheduled for the 25th of February at the Chapel of the Incarnation in Brandywine, MD. Diana said she would find out more information about the death of Lorraine’s brother.

Linda had informed the club that plans to hold April’s meeting in the Frederick Douglass High School’s courtyard is not feasible so we’ll have to find another venue.

**NEW BUSINESS**; None

Meeting Adjourned at 2:16

Respectfully Submitted

Iona J. Black