

The meeting was called to order by **President** Betty Abercrombie on 8 May 97, the regular monthly meeting time. Judy Post, @ 9403 Victoria Crt was the hostess.

Vice President Peggy Martin held her comments until other reports were given.

The minutes from the previous meeting were read by Marian Moreland in the absence of Mae Kemp. Minutes were approved..

Corresponding Secretary Jimmie Nell Finley read note to Dottie Garrison, she also read note from Peggy Martin and note from Phyllis to Betty re flower show. (Notes will be available to read in historian's file.)

Treasurer's report was given by Ann Williams. Balance on hand is \$675.68.

The president then called for committee reports:

Civic Development: (Betty Abercrombie) Workday was 5 May. She stated that we had lost 4 credit points due to our nonparticipation. Ann Williams suggested we have a workday in summer and maybe another Saturday.

Design: (Dottie Garrison) Commented on all the ribbons our club received at flower show held at the Presbyterian Church on 26 April.

Federation Delegate: (no report given)

Horticulture: (Marian Moreland) gave a lecture on "Saint. John's Wort" an herb with medicinal uses as-well-as a lovely asset to any garden—very prolific grower, especially useful in flower arranging. She had a fresh cut sample from her yard to exhibit.

Hospitality: (Dottie Garrison) commented on our 20th Anniversary luncheon @ Spring House and gave out remainder of favors to those who could not attend luncheon.

Photography: (Liz Saniga) she will bring pictures later of flower show.

Program: Will be annual auction and plant exchange (to be held @ close of meeting)

Publicity: (Mae Kemp) absent

Sunshine: (Jimmie Nell) all is well

Ways and Means: (Peggy Martin) gave approx. figure of \$400. as earnings from sale of kensomes and note paper.

Unfinished business: Nominating committee chaired by Jimmie Nell Finley stated that all the officers from last year have agreed to keep their positions for coming year. No further

nominations were made from floor. Julie Harrison accepted historian to replace Marie White who died 23 Mar. Jimmie Nell moved slate of officers be accepted. Discussion was began again on an appropriate memorial for Marie White. Previously we had voted to place a crepe myrtle tree near the sight at the park where Mary Ellen's tree was placed. Julie offered to retract her motion and then made a motion to buy a bench for the area designated—motion was seconded by Ann Williams. We will discuss at a later date and possibly place the bench at some point before the September meeting.

Civic development came up again and how to resolve much needed work at the Park. Julie volunteered to take her grandchildren this month to weed and rake. Marian Moreland suggested we go two-by-two to get the job done.

Betty Abercrombie gave \$20 to Mae Kemp from our club as a complimentary gift for the lovely luncheon that she gave for judges of flower show.

Betty also stated that we now have \$45. for the Marie White Memorial Fund.

Ann Williams brought a specimen of Amsonia for all of us to see.

Peggy Martin gave closing remarks on flower show—it was the least expensive flower show we have ever done (and Hilltop Garden Club agreed) due to inexpensive way she was able to get books done and also Richard Garrison had contributed the art work.

New Business: Betty read the resignation letter from Joann Davis. She will resign from club but will try to attend June dinner meeting.

Betty read letter from Horticulture Society giving us the opportunity to participate in contributing a basket for River Farm. Julie and Liz agreed to do basket and take it over in September.

Peggy Martin sent menu around for Mama Stellas' everyone made choices for dinner meeting to be held 12 June for installation of officers for the coming year. \$20.00 for the dinner will be collected @ the dinner by Ann Williams.

Meeting was adj.

Auction (Auctioneer Esther Neckere) and **plant exchange** was held following meeting.

Respectfully submitted

MARIAN L. MORELAND