

The Mt. Airy Clay Breakers Garden Club met at 6:30 p.m. on January 14, 2016 at the home of Pat Hall. There were 18 members present.

Program: DVD "Aging Backwards" with Miranda Esmonde White
The Science of Movement.

BUSINESS MEETING

Mary Jane Bishop, Recording Secretary: Minutes from the December meeting were approved as corrected.

Iona Black, Corresponding Secretary: No report.

Pat Hall, Treasurer: The bank balance is \$1,760.36. Pat Hall will provide a monthly report showing the pay outs on the account.

Pam Smart, Historian: No report.

Pam Smart, Civic Development: No report.

Jessica Sherlock, Conservation: No report.

Elaine Arnold, Design: No report.

Lorraine Leonard, Horticulture: Lorraine suggested that we keep our eyes on the changes to the blooming plants due to the changes in the weather patterns. Diana Morse added that we should also pay attention to the weeds and to start digging them out in an attempt to get ahead of them.

Connie Dalpra, Membership: Connie reported that we have 23 members which leaves one opening as Salay Presti is not able to become a member at this time.

Arminta Donovan, Sunshine: Arminta sent a thank you note to Kenny Martin for his donation to the club in memory of Marian Moreland. She also sent out 7 birthday cards to members.

Gilda Allen gave a report on the Dupont Park Elementary School Project: Gilda sent out an e-mail with a calendar of dates and an outline of the project. She stated that the dates that were printed in red were the dates in which she would need the most assistance from the club.

Sunday, March 6th she would like to schedule a work day.

Friday, April 15th she would like assistance with making stepping stones.

Friday, April 22nd she would like assistance with making signs for the gardens.

Friday, April 29th she would like assistance with planting the vegetable garden.

Friday, May 6th and 13th she would like assistance with planting the wildlife garden.

Gilda also reported that she has received an additional \$300 to be used at Benke's to purchase plants.

We were also requested to save card board to be used as a base for the raised gardens.

Lorraine Leonard reported on the poetry/essay contest. The theme this year is "Frogs". There was a poem written and submitted by an eighth grader. Kyle Musselman wrote an essay and once he comes up with a title he will enter it into the contest.

50/50 was won by Mary Jane Bishop

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Jane Bishop
Recording Secretary

Note for Gilda-

sign attached

Gilda—so sorry to have to miss the meeting again.

Could you please sign/date the certificate for marilyn's g-daughter, Olivia plus present it to her to give to Olivia along with the little gift.

Also, below is my little report for the club to "closeout" the poster contest if you'd like to read it or have corresponding sec. read it. Thank you!

Lorraine's Report on Children's participation in the Smokey Bear/Woodsy Owl poster contest:

Our club received 5 posters.

Two of the posters received were chosen to represent the National Capital Area in the regional competition. Unfortunately none of our students' posters were chosen at the regional level to go up to the national competition.

The children did a lovely job!

The two DC winners were presented with a small "Smokey Bear" stuffed animal and a "prevent wildfires" zipper pull/whistle. (Marion delivered one to a homeschooled child. The other one was mailed to Esther's granddaughter's school in Virginia for presentation at an assembly)

Our two other participants received a Smokey Bear bandana and a "prevent wildfires" zipper pull/whistle in appreciation for their participation.

Thank you to Esther, Marilyn and Marion for encouraging children to do posters!

Report