

President, Betty Abercrombie, called the December 1996 meeting of the Mr. Airy Claybreakers Garden club to order at the home of Marilyn Berkut. The minutes were read and approved. Corresponding Secretary, Jimmy Nell Findley, thanked everyone for their Get Well cards. Treasurer, Anne Williams, reported a balance on hand of \$567.27.

The following reports were given. Vice President, Peggy Martin, announced that the January meeting would be at her house. The program will be John Peter Thompson talking about Growing things. Horticuture Chairman, Marian Moreland gave a report on Borage which is like a wild African Violet. Publicity Chairman, May Kemp, reported that there was an article in the Enquirer Gazette. Ways and Means Chairman, Peggy Martin, reported that she had 8 pounds of pecans to sell. A discussion was held on how to raise money for the Club. Marie White, Seconded by Anne Williams, made a motion to raise dues to \$20.00 next year. The motion was passed by the membership. Other possible fundraisers included ordering starting point pin holder flower holders from Florida. Selling poinsettia next Christmas. Ordering Stationary. Selling plants at a plant exchange in June or holding a flea market.

Peggy Martin reported that the change in meeting places have Esther Neckere hostessing the February meeting and Judy Post, the May meeting.

Unfinished Business: Betty Abercrombie reported on the tour of poinsettia at Benhkes and passed around pictures.

New Business: Betty reported that the Club had to choose the best program for the year for Federation Reports. Julie Harrison moved to vote on two programs. The motion was seconded by Elaine Arnold, and passed by the membership. The most popular program was by Jeff Duer on Backyard Gardens for Birds. Second place was David Weston for growing in Soil.

Julie Harrison made a motion, seconded by Jimmy Nell to adjourn the meeting. Following the adjournment a program on Christmas decorations was presented by Jimmy Nell Findlay, Anne Williams, and May Kemp.

Marie White borrowed the Club video, entitled Tryon Palace, Christmas Library.