The Mt. Airy Clay Breakers Garden Club met at 6:30 p.m. April 14, 2016 at the home of Joyce Meyer. There were 18 members present.

Program: Deborah Determan gave a talk on the Master Gardener Program and Gilda Allen hosted a question and answer session on basic gardening.

The meeting opened with Birthday wishes for Jessica Sherlock, Gilda Allen and Lenay O’Quinn.

Recording Secretary: Mary Jane Bishop, minutes approved as read.

Corresponding Secretary: Iona Black, no report.

Treasurer: Pat Hall is continuing to work with M&T to obtain signature cards.

Civic Development: Pam Smart has been working on Holloway Garden and members agreed it looks good.

Horticulture: Jessica Sherlock discussed positive plant pairings in the garden. She gave some examples, such as: Camellias and other acid loving plants can be planted under pine trees, marigolds and tomatoes and rosemary and lavender.

Deborah Determan requested items for the newsletter and said the dead line is April 26th.

Design: Elaine Arnold suggested having a workshop to work on miniature designs for the upcoming flower show. Flower show discussion to be tabled until the May meeting.

Membership: Connie Dalpra reported that there are 18 members present and at this time our club has the maximum number of members.

**OLD BUSINESSS**

Gilda’s school project: Volunteers are needed to assist with the stepping stone project which is planned for Friday, April 29th. Gilda also presented a slide show about the project so far.

Plant Sale: The plant sale will be Saturday, May 7th. Julie passed around a sign-up sheet for volunteers to let her know when they will be able be there. She requested that members place fliers in businesses in the area and Jessica Sherlock is going to repaint the sign.

Arbor House Volunteers: Julie suggested that members pick on day each month to volunteer. The suggestion is that our day will be the last Thursday of the month beginning May 26th. The following members volunteered at the meeting: October – Connie Dalpra, May – Elaine Arnold, June – Linda Millette and September – Deborah Determan. Volunteers still needed for July, August, November and December.

**NEW BUSINESS**

Suggestions made for the June Dinner Meeting. It was voted not to have the meeting at Mama Roma’s or Mama Stella’s. Esther Neckere suggested Olive Garden , as they have a private room. Esther and Lenay will reserve the room and bring the menu to the next meeting.

The next meeting will be Thursday, May 12th at the home of Linda Millette. The program is the plant exchange and a floral design using succulents.

The 50/50 was won by Mary Beth Cecil.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Jane Bishop

Recording Secretary