

The Mt. Airy Clay Breakers Garden Club held their regular monthly meeting on Thursday, January 12<sup>th</sup>, 2017 at 7:00 P.M., at the home of Pat Hall. There were seventeen members present.

The program was presented by club member, Deborah Determan, and was entitled "Plants We Love." Deborah patterned her program after one given last year at the U.S. National Arboretum by Scott Aker. She presented a number of the "favorite" plants he talked about plus added info about plants that club members identified as their favorites. Her briefing included photos, growing information, cost and suppliers.

Treasurer's Report: Pat Hall said the club's treasury has \$1594.

President, Lenay O'Quinn handed out a membership survey for to help her compile Award 18 (to be filled out at the meeting and handed back to her.) She led the club in acknowledging Iona's January birthday. On behalf of the club, she presented condolences and a gift certificate for a plant in the memory of Deborah's father, Gilda's sister and Lucille's brother.

Reports were given by Diana Morse, Conservation Chair (biodiversity as described in Doug Tallamy's book, *Bringing Nature Home*; Connie Dalpra, Membership Chair (including Arminta Donovan regarding "Sunshine" cards sent); Lorraine Leonard, Design Chair, Deborah Determan, Newsletter Chair (importance of meeting deadlines and info about next issue); and Linda Millette, Archivist (club anniversaries of the past).

Old Business: The club discussed the request by Gilda Allen for a donation of \$250 for the Dupont Park Adventist School gardening project. Gilda provided a powerpoint presentation of the project and told the group about some of the successes and problems. She also outlined how the \$250 would be spent. In response to a question regarding the location of the project (D.C. vs P.G. County) Gilda told about the difficulties in trying to start similar projects at Mattaponi and Rosaryville Elementary schools within our county. Gilda said the leadership and staff of Dupont Park Adventist School in D.C. were and continue to be very supportive. Iona Black moved "that we donate \$250 to the Duport Park School project." The motion was adopted after discussion. Linda brought up a topic previously tabled at the November meeting: shall some or all of the meetings be moved to the daytime? Approximately 90 % were for this. The topic of when and how to begin this was tabled until a future meeting.

New Business: The club will discuss annual donations at the next meeting. A committee was formed to do some research on donation opportunities (Gilda, Deborah and Lorraine.) Deborah Determan passed out a fact sheet on yearbook development and stressed the importance of meeting deadlines to be able to have the year planned and program booklet ready by the September meeting. The group decided to start planning for the next year's theme and program at the May meeting.

Lucille Gwynn was the winner of the 50/50 (\$16 was collected.)

Meeting adjourned at 9:15 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Lorraine Leonard for Mary Jane Bishop  
Recoding Secretary