

Mount Airy Clay Breakers Garden Club

March 14, 2021

Minutes

Start time for the meeting was 12:15 p.m.

During our hospitality time, Lorraine Leonard gave the testimonial. She grew up in a multi-denominational household with many relatives. They always had a garden so she had plenty of fresh vegetables while growing up. She entered the military after college and traveled to many interesting places. Soon after arriving in Upper Marlboro, she met Julie who invited her to a garden club meeting. She remembers fondly that first meeting. Lorraine joined and became President in 2002. She also volunteered at the Arbor House Gift Shop in the National Arboretum. Diana became a member of our garden club when Lorraine answered her inquiry about our garden club. Lorraine ended by saying it has been a wonderful experience with being a member of the Mount Airy Clay Breakers Garden Club.

Program: Will be at the conclusion of the meeting

Roll Call – What is your favorite childhood garden memory?

Present: Gilda Allen, Elaine Arnold, Iona Black, Connie Dalpra, Arminta Donovan, Lorraine Leonard, Dot Lower, Linda Millette, Diana Morse, Esther Neckere, and Pam Smart

Absent: Marilyn Berkut, Mary Beth Cecil, Deborah Determan, Lucille Gwynn, Julie Harrison, Carol Ober, and Mary Woodruff

February minutes were approved as read

Reports:

Civic Development: None

Conservation Education: None

Corresponding Secretary/Sunshine: Sympathy card for Joyce Meyer. Get well card for Deborah who is in the hospital.

Design: Lorraine informed us that we should take advantage of things readily available to us. She showed us a box filled with pretty forced bulbs and explained that they could later be planted in the garden. Lorraine went on to say there are many bulbs that can be forced to bloom and they make excellent gifts! Bulbs are readily available this time of year. She found her bulbs at Home Depot in Upper Marlboro.

Horticulture: No Report

Newsletter: Diana extended a thank you to Mary for the outstanding newsletter.

Treasurer's Report: Dot reported \$1,601.50 in our account after the \$5.00 bank charge.

Members are again reminded to pay membership dues. Make checks payable to the Mt Airy Clay Breakers Garden Club. We received a thank you note for our \$50.00 donation in memory of Joyce Meyer from the Good Samaritan Presbyterian Church in Waldorf, Md.

Tech Committee: No Report

Web Site: No Report

Old Business:

Linda briefed on the Frederick Douglass High School project. So far they have gotten rid of the barn swallows and scheduled to have the patio cemented. She asked that monetary donations be made after the purchase of flowers. Motion made by Gilda to donate \$200.00 for the cause and it was seconded by Lorraine. A revised motion was made by Elaine to increase the amount to \$300.00 and was seconded by Connie. A discussion ensued and members passed the motion.

New Business:

The Nominating Committee consists of Arminta, Lorraine, and Mary Beth. Members were encouraged to volunteer for office.

April - slate to be presented and election

June - installation of new officers

Saturday is District 1 meeting on zoom @ 10:30 a.m. for election of officers.

April – Top 10 native shade plants and in May top 10 native sun plants

Meeting adjourned at 1:37 p.m.

Program;

Gilda gave an informative slide presentation on Parker's Backyard Play Space

Her goals for Parker's Place were to provide and learn about the environment. The ¼ acre area she chose had to be cleared of trees and

underbrush. The finished project was awesome. Parker and his friends learned about various plants, recycling, composting, and their affects on the environment. As the garden grew, so did the activities to include a zip line, balance beam, basketball and soccer. To stay connected with nature, he took pictures of insects and wrote a paragraph about each one. His latest projects included making and painting 5 benches (he sold 3) and a fort made of bamboo. More activities are being added to the delight of Parker's friends who just LOVE to come over.

Respectively submitted,

Iona J. Black
Secretary