

KENNEBEC VALLEY GARDEN CLUB

REGULAR BUSINESS MEETING

AUGUST 4, 2015

VILES MANSION

The meeting was called to order at 1 pm by Sharon Ann Paradis, President. There were 21 members present, along with guests Lisa Jones (teacher) and former member Pat Lowther.

The Pledge of Allegiance, Gardener's Collect, and Conservation Pledge was led by Dee Dee Brown.

President, Sharon Ann Paradis introduced our speaker, Kent Nelson, Fire Prevention Specialist with the Department of Conservation of the Maine Forest Service. He spoke on planting in our landscape to prevent fires. He was well-received and answered questions from our members. Handouts were available.

REPORTS:

The minutes of the July meeting were read by the secretary and accepted after 2 corrections: the spelling of Darlene's last name is Bassett; the Blaine House decorating meeting is scheduled for October 13th at the Blaine House 9:30-11:30 am.

CORRESPONDENCE: none.

The treasurer's report was given by Pam Johnson.

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| Checking account: | \$ 1,194.45 |
| Savings account: | 16,513.25 |
| | 193.34 |
| | 10,457.03 |
| 3 CD's | 7,459.50 |
| | 4,788.65 |
| | 4,088.29 |

Treasurer will be checking up on the dues received/owed. The report was filed for audit.

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES:

HISTORIAN: If anyone has any photos for last year's scrapbook, please get them to Cynthia Herrick.

LOVE FUND: Shirlene Gosline requested that members call if they know of an ill member or anyone that should receive a card from the club.

WINDSOR FAIR: Karen Foster spoke about the theme being an Old Fashioned Picnic. Rose Leavitt has a vintage red checkered tablecloth and will loan for exhibit.

HOSTESSES: Wanda Hendrickson, Anna Blodgett, Lorraine Philbrook and Dee Dee Brown were thanked for the efforts and goodies.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

BLAINE HOUSE: The theme has yet to be decided upon. Sign-up for a room with either Wanda Hendrickson or Nancy Voisine at the next meeting.

NEW BUSINESS:

Debbie Sherman spoke about poisonous parsnips.

Heidi Munroe & Julie Meagher reported about the Garden Club Park: Julie was able to fix the stone wall. The next garden park day will be 8/5/15.

Discussion ensued about the difference between the Civic Activities & Garden Therapy committee.

Dave Richmond of the Veteran's Cemetery has inquired if KVGC would like to take over the Rose Garden there. No decision was made.

A meeting is to be held 8/10/15 for new Presidents of Maine Garden Clubs. Sharon Ann will attend.

T-shirts and aprons are still available, but we are out of the larger sizes at this time.

Cookbooks will be available to sell at the Soup & Bread Sale.

The next meeting will be held on September 8, 2015 at the Viles Mansion at 1 pm. Shelly Hanson & Karen Foster will each do a seasonal centerpiece.

The meeting adjourned at 2:30 pm.

Submitted by Rose Leavitt, Secretary