

KENNEBEC VALLEY GARDEN CLUB

REGULAR BUSINESS MEETING

NOVEMBER 3, 2015

VILES FOUNDATION

The meeting was called to order at 1 pm by Debbie Sherman, Vice President, with 23 members present.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Joan Hague. The Gardener's Collect and Conservation Pledge was led by Tammy Costigan.

Karen Foster introduced our guest speaker, David Richmond, Superintendent of the State Veterans' Cemeteries. He spoke on the Rules & Regulations at the 4 sites here in Maine. A written policy regarding flowers was distributed to those interested. If you did not receive a copy and would like one, kindly ask our secretary to forward you a copy.

REPORTS:

Secretary's report of October (taken by Heidi Munroe) was sent electronically and adopted by the membership.

Treasurers report was presented by Pam Johnson giving a final amount of \$45,797.44 and filed for audit.

Correspondence: A letter from Joel Stoneton, Dean/Athletic director at the Winthrop High/Middle School, was received thanking KVGC for time spent trimming shrubs at the football field in September.

STANDING COMMITTEES:

Love Fund: Shirlene Gosline reported that Jean Wave was at Balsam House with pneumonia; and Moira Fuller is still weak.

Blaine House: Nancy Voisine reported on the progress for plans for the Blaine House. Members were encouraged to contribute by making gingerbread houses for the Pool Room's Gingerbread Village. Tiny Teddy bears are needed for the tree at the Blaine House.

Wanda Hendrickson and Nancy Voisine visited the Blaine House a few weeks ago and went through our stored Christmas decorations from past years. From now on decorations for the Blaine House will be stored at Viles Foundation. Anyone wanting invitations for the coffee/tea are to see Nancy.

Blaine House decorating to be held at 9 am on Tuesday, December 1st.

The Blaine house coffee/tea will be Tuesday, December 8th at:

9:30 am to 10:15 am
11:00 am to 11:45 am
1:30 pm to 2:30 pm

Due to limited space, each guest must RSVP with Sharon Ann Paradis prior to the date of the coffee/tea, with particular time to attend. Please call after November 9th.

Remember the decorations come down at 9 am on December 29th. If you cannot attend, please ask another member to remove items for you.

Garden Therapy: Nancy Voisine reported on the Garden Therapy Committee, stating that our gardens are cleaned and cut back for their winter's rest. Thank you to all who were able to participate. The committee also decorated the patio at MGMC using mums, flowering kale, straw bales, and stacks of pumpkins. The hospital provides a budget for the decorating project. Hopefully, there will be a larger budget next year to include the front entrance to the facility (to be increased per David King). There will be a meeting in the spring to discuss our existing gardens and potential new gardens, so start thinking about it now. Nancy asked that we all remember if you want to work in any of the gardens to let her know.

Awards: Shelly Hanson reported on the award due dates.

GCFM District Meeting at the Civic Center:
Shelly Hanson reported on the topic: "Taking Care of Your Selfie."

Healthy soil leads to healthy plants
Healthy plants leads to healthy veggies
Healthy veggies leads to healthy people

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

Karen Foster reported that she saw President, Sharon Ann Paradis, and member, Ann Thomas on the televised Augusta City Council Meeting, on October 22nd regarding their presentation about the Garden Club Park.

NEW BUSINESS: Debbie Sherman presented the Pollinator Survey and encouraged all to participate.

On Friday, November 6th there will be two wreath presentations at the Blue Star Markers. The first at the Arnold Look-out in Hallowell at 10:30 am and the second at the Maine Veterans' Cemetery at the Civic Center entrance at 11:00 am.

Although there are no scheduled meetings in January and February, there is a pot luck luncheon planned for Tuesday, February 9th at 11:30 am at Viles Arboretum, Hospital St., Augusta.

Ann Thomas brought in past years' photo books of Blaine House decorations and other projects for members to look at.

Today's hostesses Penny Pray, Jane Bethiaume, Shelly Hanson, Cynthia Herrick & Ann Thomas were thanked by our Vice President, Debbie Sherman. Refreshments were enjoyed by all.

The meeting was adjourned at 2:15 pm for refreshments and wreath making.

Submitted by Rose Leavitt, Secretary