

KENNEBEC VALLEY GARDEN CLUB
REGULAR BUSINESS MEETING
SEPTEMBER 8, 2015
VILES MANSION

The meeting was called to order at 1pm by Sharon Ann Paradis, President. There were 26 members present.

The Pledge of Allegiance, Gardener's Collect, and Conservation Pledge was led by Ann Thomas.

New member Darlene Bassett was introduced.

REPORTS:

The Secretary's report was distributed to members electronically, and accepted with one correction: Lisa Jones occupation is school guidance counselor.

Correspondence read by SharonAnn Paradis: Letter from the Viles Arboretum asking for \$500 donation/grant for a new sign - see new business.

Treasurer's report was read by Sharon Ann Paradis and filed for audit.

Balances:

- Check Book	\$1,146.95
- Garden Club Park	\$28,867.92
- Barrows	\$15,249.14
- Love Fund Savings	\$193.35
- Total	\$45,457.36

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES

Conservation - reported by Ann Thomas - Rare Monarch Butterflies discussed with handout on trees used to winter-over. Also, Ann has milkweed seeds to share.

Love Committee - anyone needing a card or letter, please contact Shirlene Gosline. It was noted that Pat Doten, prior member, needed a card due to a recent fall.

HOSTESSES Tammy Costigan, Sharon Ann Paradis, Karen Foster, & Anya Goldey were thanked by Sharon Ann for the wonderful refreshments.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Soup Sale co-chairs are Ellen Jackson & Karen Foster. The date selected is Saturday, October 3rd, 9am-2pm. 8-10 members are needed to help on the day of the sale. Cookbooks will also be for sale.

Blaine House theme will be "A Children's Winter Wonderland." Wanda Hendrickson will be Chair of this event. A planning meeting will be held on October 13th 9:30-11am at the Blaine House. All interested are invited to attend. Silver, Gold, & Ivory will be the main colors.

NEW BUSINESS

2015-2016 Budget

Treasurer Pamela Johnson distributed copies of the 2015-2016 budget.

Discussed:

- tax exempt status - under GCFM - 501 c (3) - umbrella was lost in 2012
- fee for reinstatement/retroactive is \$400
- if denied - KVGCP will need to file federal tax forms

Penny Higgins put forth a motion to accept the budget, which was seconded by Karen Foster. Unanimously approved by club membership.

- Add-on to budget expense report: Motion to allot funds from the Garden Club Park account to redo the entrance to the KVGCP in the amount of \$2500 to match funds from the National Assoc. of Realtors. Work to be done by DR Stuck this Fall. Includes mulching, as needed.

Ann Thomas put forth a motion to accept the add-on, which was seconded by Julie Meagher. Unanimously approved by club membership.

Ann Thomas, Parliamentarian, presented a proposed amendment to standing rule #4 second sentence.

Standing Rule #4 reads "A deceased member will be honored with a living memorial which may be planted at the Garden Club Park. \$25.00 will be appropriated from the general fund for this purpose."

A motion was made by Ann Thomas to change the second sentence to read "\$50.00 will be appropriated from the Garden Park Fund for this purpose."

Ann Thomas called to move the amendment and Penny Higgins seconded the motion. The motion was adopted.

A discussion ensued pursuant to a request from the Viles Arboretum for KVGCP to donate \$500 for help in replacing the sign at the Arboretum entrance. It was decided not to consider this

donation at this time & will reassess in the Spring. Sharon Ann to write a response to Viles Arboretum.

New Yearbooks were made available at today's meeting. If you were not able to attend, it would be helpful if you could make arrangements for someone to pick up a copy for you or contact Penny Pray or Shelly Hanson, Yearbook co-chairs. This will save on mailing expenses.

Sign-up for the GCFM Fall Conference, to be held at the Augusta Civic Center on October 27th will cost \$30 before October 21st. See Sharon Ann for registration forms. Sharon Ann will be in France on the day of the conference; therefore, volunteers Karen Foster & Heidi Munroe will tend to the table. Volunteer helpers are needed. Shelly Hanson & Penny Pray volunteered to float.

The deadline for Daffodil Bulb orders is October 1st. This fund raiser helps to support the NGC Fall Board Meeting in Portland, ME in 2016. Note that KVGCC does not attend this meeting.

50 bulbs = \$38.00 They will be delivered at the Fall Conference
100 bulbs = \$75.00

Karen Foster thanked those who participated in the Windsor Fair. General pick-up to be held tomorrow from 9-10am.

Debbie Sherman thanked those who contributed to the Newsletter. She asked that input for the Fall Newsletter be sent by next week via email, if possible.

The next meeting will be held on October 6, 2015.

PROGRAM

The September program was a Design Demonstration, presented by Shelly Hanson & Karen Foster, who each demonstrated a seasonal centerpiece. This was enjoyed by all members in attendance.

The meeting was adjourned at 2:50pm.

Submitted by Rose Leavitt, Secretary