

KENNEBEC VALLEY GARDEN CLUB  
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING  
JUNE 7, 2016

The Board of Directors meeting was called to order at 10:30 am at the Augusta County Club by President, Sharon Ann Paradis with seventeen members present,

Pam Johnson, Treasurer, received a letter dated April 4, 2016, from the IRS stating a decision on our application for non-profit status should be received within 90 days if IRS has received all the information required.

There was discussion regarding the Garden Tour to be held June 25, 2016. Hostesses are still needed for some of the gardens on our tour. A sign-up sheet was distributed.

There will be a pre tour get-together for hostesses and garden owners on June 17, 2016, at Kennebec Savings Bank in Farmingdale at 4:00 pm.

There have been donations of \$2200.00 for the garden tour. Monies have been spent on posters, brochures, and tickets.

Ellen Jackson proposed that KVGC purchase a banner for publicity purposes. This banner would be hung in Hallowell or Gardiner above the main street by the local fire department.

A motion was made by Penny Pray that KVGC purchase a 2-sided banner costing between \$400 and \$500 to promote the activities of the club. The money to come from donations to the Garden Tour. The motion was seconded and adopted. This motion will be presented to the membership at the Annual Meeting as a recommendation from the Board.

A committee was set up to design the banner and will meet directly after the annual meeting.

The president stated the Garden Club Park is once again full of weeds as non-sterile loam and compost had most likely been used. Of note, the City of Augusta owns this park, but does not have the resources of manpower or monies to maintain or help maintain the garden areas in the park.

A motion was made by Penny Pray to discontinue being responsible for the Garden Club Park and to use up to \$10,000 for a stone bench in honor of club members past and present, as well as a stone for Elsie Viles to match William's stone. Where these items will be placed will be decided at a later date. The motion was seconded and adopted.

A motion was made by Penny Pray to form a committee to determine the best location for the bench and stones. The motion was seconded and adopted.

A motion was made by Pam Johnson, Treasurer, that when the Garden Club Park CD #8140 which matures on July 11, 2016, and CD #6080 which matures on August 5, 2016, be transferred to the savings account. The motion was seconded and adopted.

These three motions will be presented to the membership at the Annual Meeting as recommendations from the Board.

Penny Pray unveiled the newly framed blueprint of the original design of the Garden Club Park, done by Lyle Littlefield. This will be hung at the Viles Foundation, and as mentioned prior, will remain the property of the KVGC.

As KVGC has a limited selection of tee shirts it was proposed that the price be reduced from \$12 to \$10, aprons are to remain at \$12.

The treasurer presented the proposed budget for the 2016-2017 fiscal year. This proposed budget will be presented to the membership in detail. A copy may be obtained upon request from the treasurer.

A motion was made by Debbie Sherman that \$2000 be approved for the Barrows Scholarship awards this year to be distributed among three students. The motion was seconded and adopted. This motion will be presented to the membership at the Annual Meeting as a recommendation from the Board.

A motion was made by the president that four members who have given years of service to the club be presented with Life Membership: Betty Carpenter, Ginny Dogherty, Barbara Patterson and Hope Weston. The motion was seconded and adopted.

As there was no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 11:55 am.

Rose Leavitt, Secretary