

KENNEBEC VALLEY GARDEN CLUB

Regular Meeting

Tuesday, April 4th, 2017

Viles Foundation, 71 Stone Street, Augusta, Maine

President Sharon Ann Paradis opened the meeting at 1 PM, 25 persons present.

As the Secretary was unable to attend, Heide Munro was appointed secretary pro tem.

The Pledge of Allegiance, Gardener's Collect and the Conservation Pledge were led by the President.

A new member: Rhonda Bolduc was welcomed.

The Secretary's report of November 2016 had been electronically distributed and was approved with one correction - the balance of KVGC's accounts was incorrect, the correct total assets should have read \$40,536.02.

Two letters of correspondence were read by Heide Munro: a thank you letter from Wreaths Across America, and a request for the donation of \$250 to sponsor a camper at Hart-to-Hart Farm Day Camp.

The president read the Treasurer's report: Total Balance as of April 3rd 2017 is \$ 39,519.40.

Reports of Standing Committees:

Nancy Voisine told us that the Children's Center does not need our help this year, she asked for suggestions for a new project. Moira Fuller has suggested sprucing up the grounds at the Kennebec Historical Society on Winthrop St. in Augusta, as a community beautification project. Members were asked to submit other ideas. Nancy also requested that the present Civic Activities and Garden Therapy Committee be split into two separate

committees: with Penny Pray as Garden Therapy chair and herself as Civic Activities chair. Nancy will let us know when it is time to work on the gardens.

Penny Pray informed us that she would like help at Togus on May 4th at 9 am for clean up, and June 1st for planting. Anyone who had a family member die at Togus may request a memorial brick in his/her name the cost is \$40, please contact Penny for further information.

Unfinished Business:

A photo of the plaque which will be attached to the memorial stone bench, honouring past, present and future club members located at Viles Arboretum was shown to members. Members were informed that a stone for Elsie has been ordered from Masciadri's and a dedication is planned for sometime in May for both the stone bench and Elsie & William Viles stones to be placed at Viles Arboretum.

Membership was informed that the president had applied to GCFM for the following awards: Club of Distinction; The Kathleen Marty Award for Civic Development; The Stephanie Ann Smith Traveling Trophy for Garden Therapy; and the Phyllis C. Lewis Traveling Trophy, for the club that develops the best program for children to promote interest in any facet of nature, horticulture or conservation.

New Business:

KVGC has been informed that the club is responsible to chair the GCFM Fall Conference Nov. 14th 2017 at the Augusta Civic Center. A chair and co-chair are needed, please contact Sharon Ann Paradis if you are able to do this. If no member/s step forward then Deb Burnham, Kennebec District Director, will be informed that another club will need to take on this duty.

Shirlene Gosline reminded members to please phone or e-mail her if we know of someone in need of support.

Barbara Patterson read a letter from the Blaine House. She is requesting recipes for Christmas cookies, in order to issue a small cook book. She was asked to explore this.

Spring Plant Sale: Karen Foster, Debbie Sherman and Heide Munro volunteered to co-chair. The date and place to be determined.

Blue Star Marker Committee: Karen Foster told us about “Project Canopy” by the Maine Forestry Dept. A motion was made by Heide Munro to explore the project. The motion was seconded by Debbie Sherman and adopted.

Ann Thomas read the proposed amendment to Article X of the bylaws which will split the current Civic Activities and Garden Therapy Committee into two separate committees. The amendment will be voted on at the May meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at 2pm.

Program: Karen Foster introduced Paul Johnson and his wife Jean. Paul is a Fishery Biologist, his Power Point program of Wild Flowers was superb. He made it interesting by questioning us about our knowledge and pointed out the native plants in Maine.

The Hostesses: Julie Meagher, Ann Thomas, Cynthia Herrick and Anya Goldey were thanked. The refreshments were delicious and the decorations were lovely.

Submitted:

Heide Munro