

KENNEBEC VALLEY GARDEN CLUB
Annual Meeting
Tuesday, June 6, 2017

Viles Foundation, 71 Stone Street, Augusta, Maine

The annual meeting was held at the Viles Foundation, a buffet lunch was catered by the Parsonage House in Vassalboro.

President Sharon Ann Paradis opened the meeting at 1:00 PM with 27 members present.

Shelly Hanson was secretary pro tem.

The Pledge of Allegiance, Gardener's Collect and Conservation Pledge was led by Snooky Lavallee.

Sharon Ann introduced new members Sally Stone and Judy Gates-Kilpatrick.

Minutes of the May Secretary's report had been distributed electronically and were accepted as posted.

Correspondence was read from Susan Parks, Gardiner Food Co-Op, introducing the Co-Op to the Garden Club and requesting support. The information was turned over the Ellen Jackson and she will contact the Co-Op.

Sharon Ann read the Treasurer's report, balance as of June 1, 2017 is \$39,953.83. Report will be filed.

Reports of Standing Committees:

Barrows Scholarship:

Julie Meagher announced the recipients for the Barrows Scholarship, Raquel Marie Gibbs and Kevin R. Frankhauser will receive \$1,000 each. There were 6 applicants, 2 being repeat applicants. She indicated the committee's disappointment in the applications received and is thinking about going to the schools to talk with the advisers to encourage more students to apply and improve completion of applications.

Blue Star Highway:

Karen Foster reported on behalf of Coral Garrison. New red, white and blue bows were added to the Blue Star Markers in Hallowell and the Veterans Cemetery.

Civic Activities:

Nancy Voisine reported on the meetings held with Kennebec Historical Society and the Children's Center. They were advised that the club could not make a commitment until

reviewed and voted on by the new Civic Activities Committee. The recommendations are being passed on to the new Civic Activities Committee and are attached to this record.

Garden Therapy:

Penny Pray advised that the vegetable gardens at Togus had been planted.

Hostess Committee:

A sign-up will be circulated for hostesses for each month during the upcoming year. A hostess committee will be added for the annual meeting in June.

Publicity Press Book:

Wanda Hendrickson reported that she is not planning to continue as Publicity Press Book Chair and is willing to help her successor.

Website:

Sharon Ann will continue to maintain the website, email her any information and pictures that can be added.

Yearbook:

Shelly Hanson requested that any address, phone number, email changes need to be given to her as soon as possible in order to get the yearbook ready for the September meeting.

Unfinished Business:

Sharon Ann reported the proceeds of the May plant sale \$495.40 after expenses.

Sharon Ann presented the corrected proposed budget for 2017-2018 approved by the Board of Directors. A motion was made, seconded and carried to accept budget as presented.

Karen Foster reminded members that photos for the photo contest "Seasons in the Garden" are due August 1.

New Business:

A committee sign-up sheet for the new administration was circulated and members encouraged to volunteer.

Delegates to the GCFM annual meeting on June 21 were announced: Ellen Jackson, Heide Munro, Shirlene Gosline.

Sharon Ann thanked members who worked on the luncheon.

The next meeting will be July 11, this will be a field trip to Johnny's Selected Seeds research gardens in Albion. Feel free to bring a guest.

Meet at Karen Foster's at 10:15 to car pool, leave her house at 10:30 and will stop for lunch and be in Albion for the tour that will begin at 1:00.

August meeting will be a Membership Tea – August 1 at 1:00 PM at the Viles Foundation.

Shirlene Gosline, Nominating Committee Chair, moved the Committee's recommendation of officers for 2017-2019:

Treasurer, Pam Johnston
Secretary, Shelly Hanson
Vice President, Debbie Sherman
President, Ellen Jackson

Installation of officers was performed by Ann Thomas.

Meeting adjourned 2:15 PM.

Submitted by,
Shelly Hanson
Secretary Pro-tem