

KENNEBEC VALLEY GARDEN CLUB
Tuesday, September 11, 2018

Viles House, 71 Stone Street, Augusta, Maine

President Ellen Jackson opened the meeting at 1:00 PM with 20 members present.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Joan Hanscom, followed by the Gardener's Collect and Conservation Pledge by Jane Berthiaume.

Nancy Voisine introduced speaker Tom Welch from Mainely Handrails in Oakland. Tom gave a presentation on his metal garden art.

Ellen welcomed Kathleen Landrum back to the club, Kathleen has returned from being out of state for a few years.

Secretary's minutes of the August 7th meeting were distributed to members electronically and posted on the website. Ann Thomas made a motion to approve as posted, motion carried.

Treasurer's report was not available.

Reports of the Standing Committees:

Birds and Wildflowers: Debbie Sherman reported on flight of the Monarch butterfly and a program available to adopt a milkweed acre to help them out.

Unfinished Business:

KVGC 90th Anniversary Celebration Update:

Ellen reported that the KVGC 90th anniversary is scheduled for the October 2 meeting at 1:00 PM at the Viles Arboretum and circulated the invitation, RSVP needs to be in to Ann Thomas by September 24. GCFM President Judith Tarbox has agreed to speak, Ellen asked for some talking points about the club to pass on to Judith.

Invitations will be sent to GCFM Board of Directors, the Viles Arboretum Board, Augusta Mayor and City Council. Karen will contact the newspaper. The hostess committee will coordinate refreshments with club members who also volunteered to bring refreshments.

New Garden Club Banner:

A motion was by Shelly, seconded by Anna Blodgett to purchase a new garden club banner to cost no more than \$100.00. The motion carried. This will replace the existing, worn-out banner.

Soup Sale at Longfellow's Autumn Craft Show on October 13:

Penny & Molly gave an update of the soup sale and circulated a sign up list. This event is a first for the club and will be the only vendor providing food. Members were reminded this is an "All Member Club Event" and members are asked to bring soup, bread, dessert or make a donation.

Soups should be at Longfellow's by 9:30 AM and Ellen will forward the details that Penny provided.

Garden Therapy:

Penny reported she attended the ground breaking ceremony for the Fisher House at Togus. Members from the Garden Therapy Committee cleaned the gardens at Togus and she thanked members who participated. The gardens were very weedy and was suggested they be maintained on a more regular basis.

Penny also announced that there will be a dedication ceremony for Cabin in the Woods at Togus on September 21 at 1:00 and encouraged members to attend. The Volunteers of America built the cabins. There is a possibility that the club will participate in starting gardens there in the future and may also donate plants.

Blaine House Holiday Decorating:

Deb Cairns and Wanda Hendrickson have agreed to co-chair, the theme is "Holiday Tribute to our Armed Forces". Will meet at Blaine House October 17 at 9:30 for a planning workshop, decorating will be done on November 29 and the Holiday Social will be December 4. A suggestion was made to invite servicemen and women to attend the social.

Blue Star Highway Committee:

Karen reminded members that wreaths will be placed at the two Blue Star Markers on November 8th, meet at 10:00 at the Arnold Look-out in Hallowell then will go to the Maine Veterans Cemetery on Civic Center Drive.

Unfinished Business:

Karen reminded members the Fall Conference is Monday, October 29, "A Garden for All Seasons". Club members are urged to attend. Registration cost is \$30.00, includes morning and afternoon speakers and lunch. Registration deadline is October 15, after that cost is \$45.00.

Karen also reported that \$100 is available to all clubs in the District to use towards a club project, and to think about a project that would apply.

New Business:

Nancy Voisine is looking for volunteers to help put up Fall decorations at Maine General Medical Center, at the main entrance and emergency room entrance. This will take place on September 25 at 9:30 AM, meet at front entrance. She circulated a sign-up sheet for members to volunteer.

Penny reported that she and other members trimmed the shrubs again this year at the Winthrop football field on a very hot morning.

Yearbooks were given out to members attending the meeting, others will be mailed out.

The newsletter will be sent out after the October soup sale.

Ellen thanked the hostess: Julie Meagher, Shelly Hanson and Anna Blodgett.

Next meeting will be October 2, 1:00 PM at the Viles Arboretum - "KVGC's 90th Anniversary Celebration".

Meeting adjourned 3:00 PM.

Submitted by,
Shelly Hanson
Secretary