

KENNEBEC VALLEY GARDEN CLUB  
Tuesday, April 2, 2019  
The Viles House, 71 Stone Street, Augusta, Maine

President Ellen Jackson opened the brief meeting at 1:15 PM with 15 members present.

Julie Meagher led the Pledge of Allegiance, Gardener's Collect and Conservation Pledge.

Julie introduced speaker Kevin Leavitt, Barrow's Scholarship recipient. Kevin gave a power-point presentation on his organic vegetable business, how it started and how it has evolved.

Secretary's minutes of the March meeting were distributed to members electronically and posted on the website. A motion was made to adopt minutes as posted, motion carried.

Correspondence was read Debra Burnham, Bloomfield Garden Club and Mary Perry, Winterberry Farm, Belgrade.

A copy of the Treasurer's report was available. Current balance of accounts as of April 2, 2019 is 34,576.54. Donations from the February Art in Bloom was \$154.00.

**Reports of the Standing Committees:**

**Program Committee:** Penny Pray reported the Committee has met, they are working on programs for the upcoming year and will be meeting again soon.

**Nominating Committee:** Ellen reported that Darlene Bassett and Penny Pray are working on the nominating committee to present a slate of officers at the May meeting.

**Unfinished Business:** Ellen reminded members that the Celebration of Life for Mary Oatway will be held on April 13 at the Viles Arboretum.

The plant sale will be held on June 8<sup>th</sup> at the Manchester Fire Station. Ellen is looking for a committee to volunteer for the sale. \$60.00 deposit has been made for use of the fire station; set-up will begin at 8:00 AM and breakdown will be at 1:00 PM; it was decided we need a new banner for the sale.

**New Business:** Ellen has met with the Archives/Properties Committee and Cheryl Freye from Forever Storage to discuss how to best handle storage of the club's photos and other important material in a way for members to access easily. Forever Storage is a permanent, online photo and video storage company and does not share pictures with anyone else. After discussion, it was felt that it would be in the best interest of the club to pursue using Forever Storage. Molly Wickwire made a motion to purchase an archive account with Forever Storage, not to exceed \$500.00, which would be a one-time fee and be comparable to 50 gigs of storage. Penny Pray seconded motion, motion carried. Ellen will contact Cheryl.

Ellen and Penny had a luncheon meeting with Leslie Oster, new director for the Blaine House to discuss this year's holiday decorating, theme will be Maine's Famous Women. The Blaine House will be assigning a famous Maine woman to each room downstairs covering all aspects - art, sports, literature, etc. Jeff Quirion will be asked to make the wreath for the front door. October 7 will be the planning workshop, December 2 decorating and December 5 holiday social, date for decoration removal has not yet been determined.

**Announcements:**

Ellen announced she sent flowers from the club to Shirlene Gosline for the loss of her husband Norman, GCFM sent her flowers as well.

Ellen announced the following reminders:

- May 20<sup>th</sup> - Annual District Meeting - "Native Pollinators" at St. Mark's Episcopal Church, Eustis Parkway Waterville. Hosted by Central Maine Garden Club, \$25.00 registration and lunch, Deadline for registration is May 10.  
**Reminder** - KVGCC hosts the 2020 District Annual Meeting, a committee is needed to start planning now. A couple of possible locations suggested - Sportsman's Alliance on Church Hill Rd., held there last time KVGCC hosted, and Granite Hill Estates.
- June 4<sup>th</sup> - 10:30 AM - KVGCC Executive Board Meeting at the Viles House, ALL Committee Chairs or a Committee member are to attend and bring their copies of their report, reminder will be sent out.
- June 2<sup>nd</sup>-9<sup>th</sup> - National Garden Club Week
- June 18<sup>th</sup>-19<sup>th</sup> - GCFM Convention - "Bringing Communities Together Through Gardening" - Village by the Sea Resort Conference Center, Wells. Registration information is on the GCFM website.

Ellen thanked the Hostess Committee: Darlene Bassett, Jeannine Tarrío and Jan Karczewski.

Next meeting - May 7<sup>th</sup> at 1:00 PM, The Viles House - Speaker: Kathleen Marty - "Gardening for Pollinators"

Meeting adjourned 2:45 PM.

Submitted by,  
Shelly Hanson  
Secretary