RGC Business Meeting

February 13, 2020

Grace Episcopal Church

Call to Order

Meeting was called to order by President Mary Hutya at 12:00 p.m.

The President welcomed guests, Sheila Sepko and Julia O'Berry.

The President invited attendees to have lunch.

The Chaplain, Joan Eremenko, gave the blessing for our meal.

Hostesses were thanked for the desserts and refreshments. The hostesses were Catherine Brincefield, Joan Eremenko, Trisha Tetlow, and Marcia Robison.

Judges, Clerks and Guides were thanked. Judges: Sharon Lempke, Bonnie Schaschek, Mary Jacobs. Guides: Carol Clark; Clerks: Susan Edmonds, Mary Ann McKay

February Birthdays Catherine Bennett, Sue Broadway, Debbie Burgess, Libby Southmayd, and Cathy Ward were our birthday celebrants. The Happy Birthday song was sung in their honor.

Budget Report was given by Treasurer, Bonnie Schaschek. Due to a decline in membership our income to the club has logically been reduced. All are encouraged to bring new members. Dues are payable by March 1st.

The Saved Seed was discussed by Mary Ann McKay. The Education Committee will go to the Lancaster Primary School to present the "Saved Seed" to 4th and 5th grade classes on Friday, April 24th. The children will learn how pumpkins grow, different colors, shapes and sizes they can be and what delicious foods can be made from pumpkins. The saved Seed will be read to the children. Volunteers to help with this will be welcome.

Smokey the Bear In January, led by Mary Ann McKay, members of the Rappahannock Garden Club presented two Lancaster Middle School students with the Smokey Bear poster contest award, Whitney Bean from fourth grade and Serenity Ball from fifth grade. Garden Club members; Margie Redlin, Muffin Fitzpatrick, Carol Clark, Helen Johnson and Mary Ann McKay read the story of Smokey Bear to each fourth and fifth grade classroom, talked about Smokey Bear's five safety rules and the Smokey Bear Contest rules. Marilyn Sprouse, the Lancaster Middle School Art teacher, assisted the children in the drawing of the posters. Over 70 posters were received. Garden Club members then chose a winner from each grade. These posters are now entered in the Piedmont District Garden Club's Smokey Bear Contest.

Board Meeting January 27th the Board of Directors met. Membership recruitment and fundraising ideas were discussed. If members have ideas they should forward them to President Mary Hutya.

May Meeting The program in May will feature slides of gardens Debbie Burgess has visited during her travels. Debbie will provide a narration .

June Meeting The luncheon will be a Pot Luck Lunch, and awards program. The program will be a slide show of gardens members have visited during their travels. Members who would like to share similar photos should submit them to Debbie to include in her presentation.

Vote on Bylaws Amendments The RGC Board of Directors voted to eliminate the "Most Valuable Gardener Award". Members are invited to give their thoughts on an award to replace this prior award.

Chesapeake Garden Club A trip to Longwood Gardens will take place June 16-18. Aleta Hoffman and Deborah Brooks are going.

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March Program Cathie Elliott presented information on Class I design regarding Creative Mass Design. The theme will be "When I think of March, I think of St. Patrick's Day". A handout was given to members regarding Creative Mass Design. Cathie also discussed the RAL Art Center Annual "Arts & Flowers Program which will take place dring April 3rd and 4th. All members were encouraged to prepare a design for this program.

Horticulture and Artistic Design Results:

Horticulture—Deborah Brooks: 6 Blue, 1 Red, 1 Best in Show, 43 total points; Debbie Burgess: 4 Blue, 2 Red, 22 total points; Mary Ann McKay: 3 Blue, 15 total points; Margie Redlin: 1 Blue, 5 total points

Artistic Design—Debbie Burgess, 1 Blue, 5 total points.

Educational Program A Workshop was presented on how to do Origami Vases, by Deborah Brooks, and Debbie Burgess

Adjournment It was moved and seconded to adjourn the meeting.
Motion passed unanimously.

Minutes submitted respectfully by Catherine Brincefield, Recording Secretary.