

# Nottingham Country Garden Club General Meeting Minutes

May 5, 2011

**President Gwen Heck** called the meeting to order at 10:43 AM .

We had a short meeting prior to our luncheon at the MUD building. Gwen thanked everyone for their presentations of Art on display at this meeting. She also thanked members who volunteered to set and decorate the round tables for our luncheon: Marilyn Frueh, Susan Straub, Frankie Green, Alice Brown, Donna Luther, and Sandy Hesel

Gwen thanked everyone for her term of office and all the support on various project. She also acknowledged her board members for their services over the last two years. She announced there were little gifts from her for each of the board members and they that needed to to pick them up before they left.

The new logo for the Nottingham Country Garden Club, designed by Helen Poole, was presented to the group with the Katy Prairie Rose as the focal point of the logo.

## **Old Business:**

At the end of each year the Nottingham Country Garden Club makes a donation to organizations that contributes to the further education and development of gardening. So far this year NCGC has donated \$50 for Poinsettias and \$135 to the Harris County Master Gardeners. Suggestions and discussion were made for the remainder of the predetermined amount of \$200. It was moved Pat Plesko and seconded by Jean Bays that \$100 be donated to the Katy Prairie Conservancy and \$100 be donated to the Katy Christian Ministries for their vegetable garden . Discussion included more description of each project. The motion was then passed by a majority vote of the general membership.

## **Membership Report:**

Mary Lou Proctor requested everyone to fill out the membership form for next year and pay their \$25 membership dues at today's meeting. Membership is due each year at the May meeting for the next physical year which begins at the September meeting in the fall.

## **Federation Report:**

Donna Luther gave a "pep-talk" on attending the next Federation luncheon, May 14, 2011. It is a potluck lunch so everyone is invited to bring a dish for the luncheon.

## **New Business**

Gwen Heck introduced and turned the meeting over to Susan Straub, the Nottingham Country Garden Club's new President for 2011 through 2013. Susan thanked Gwen for all her hard work and accomplishments over the last two years. The biggest contribution Gwen made to the club this year was our new web site. Gwen was then presented with a gift of appreciation that consisted with a beautiful large garden pot and a gift certificate for Enchanted Gardens.

There were two board positions that still needed to be filled for the coming year: co-chair on Hospitality with Suzie Griffin and co-chair on Fundraising with Janet Blower. These positions were filled by two volunteers from the membership at this meeting.

Maddy Gardner will be the new co-chairman on Hospitality

Laurie Fays will be the new co-chairman for Fundraising

**Door Prizes**

Two drawings for door prizes were awarded:

A table arrangement donated by Frankie Green was won by Janet Blower

An Herb Basket kit was won by Sandy Hesel

Meeting adjourned by new President, Susan Straub, at 11:10 AM.

Respectfully submitted,

Sandy Hesel, Secretary

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