

NCGC April General Meeting April 2, 2015

President Alice Brown gave a 10-minute alert prior to meeting, then she called the meeting to order at 10:00am; she welcomed members and visitors and reminded everyone to silence their cell phone.

Gayle Spence welcomed today's speakers from Fort Bend Master Gardeners' Entomology Group, Linda Evasiuk, Cathy Pennington, Kim Farou, Gloria Scheel and Jane Schnell. They gave a great presentation on attracting and providing for bees and butterflies to your gardens.

Alice thanked the Fort Bend Master Gardeners for their presentation.

Alice mentioned that our annual Plant Sale was a huge success and generated over \$900 in sales. She thanked Lori Fay and Kathy Burleson for working so hard on coordinating the Sale, and thanked everyone that came out and supported it.

Programs: Gayle gave the high-lights for the next two months.

- April 28 Field trip to River Oaks Garden Club Florescence Illusions Flower Shop. Meet at the MUD District parking lot and leave by 9:00.
- May's EOY luncheon is scheduled for May 7 at 3 Olives, \$18/person. Donations of canned foods and toiletries will be collected at the luncheon and presented to the Katy Christian Ministries. Pat Plesko and Cheryl Fletcher volunteered to collect/handle the canned food drive. We will have a Busy Bee garden-related gift exchange (\$10-15) for those that want to participate. Bring your checkbooks to pay for next years membership dues.

Secretary: Alice mentioned the March General Meeting minutes are now on our website.

Treasurer: Gwen Heck

Beginning balance	\$5,301.73
Income	980.00
<u>Expenses</u>	<u>1,156.82</u>
Current balance	\$5,052.91

Gwen also mentioned your membership dues are due by the May meeting, it will help in preparation of the 2015-16 budget.

Membership: Mary Lou Proctor reported that we have 1 new member, 5 visitors and over 50 in attendance today. The new updated membership form is now online as a PDF file.

Newsletter: Alice mentioned the newsletter was available on our website.

Horticulture: Jean Bays

Jean highlighted the flowers/foliage from members' gardens, including from Patricia Crawford, Alice Brown and Cheryl Fawvor.

Parliamentarian: The changes to our Bylaws were voted on by the membership and passed.

Fundraising: Lori Fay

The raffle items were won by the following:

- Garden bunny rabbit-Vikki Rogers
- Platter-Cheryl Fletcher
- Gerber Daisy Plant-Chris Rogers

Door Prizes donated by FBMG:

- Insect identification booklet-Linda Warren
- Butterfly identification booklet-Fay Pirooz
- Bee Habitat-Mary Kyser
- Seed Packets-Nan Righter, Pat Morf, Esther Spence, Naoko Brittin and 1 visitor

Hospitality: Alice mentioned this meeting is our last meeting for the year, in May we will have our End-Of-Year Luncheon, so a huge thank you to Sharon Cecile, Doris Netto and Maddy Gardner for their great efforts in refreshments all year. Gayle Spence is heading Hospitality and will change things up, she gave the details of how it will work.

Federation: Donna Luther mentioned that the Houston Federation meeting is next week Friday 10th and all are welcome to attend.

Alice mentioned lunch will be at Red River BBQ and invited all to join. The meeting was adjourned at 11:27am.