

NCGC January General Meeting

January 5, 2017

****President:** Cheryl Fawvor called the meeting to order at 10:00 and welcomed all guests and members. She then called on Claudine Illig, who introduced the speakers – Louis Bennett and Diane Norman from Wabash Feed and Garden Store.

After an extremely informative presentation, Cheryl called the business meeting to order at 11:24.

****Secretary:** Linda Warren announced that the approved minutes from December are now posted on the website.

****Treasurer:** Vikki Rogers presented the treasurer's report as of the end of December.

Starting Balance	\$8,523.19
Income	170.00
<u>Expenses</u>	<u>1,130.00</u>
Ending Balance	\$7,563.19

****Programs:** Mary Lou Proctor thanked both speakers from Wabash and reported on upcoming activities.

Jan. 19 – Car Trip to Mercer Arboretum. Meet at the MUD parking lot at 9:00. Each car can choose its own lunch spot afterward.

Feb. 2 – Kathy Clark will speak on Attracting Birds and Butterflies

Feb. 17 – Bus Trip to the Cockrell Butterfly Center. The cost is \$10 (\$6 for admission and \$4 for the bus driver). The bus will hold 36, and sign-up sheets are out today and will be out at the Feb. meeting.

Mar. 10 – Bus trip to the Azalea Festival. Sign-ups will start next month.

Apr. 13 – Trip to the Japanese Gardens. This is a change in the calendar.

Mary Lou mentioned that several people volunteered at the end of last year to help with the end-of-year luncheon: Pat Plesko, Cheryl Fawvor, Lisa Holden, and Chris Rogers. If these volunteers cannot help, they will notify Mary Lou.

****Parliamentarian:** Kim Patrick thanked the Nominating Committee (Linda

Warren, Mary Lou Proctor, and Esther Spencer) for its successful job of securing nominees for next year's open positions.

Cheryl announced the nominees and asked for nominees from the floor for each position. There were no nominees from the floor. She then called for a vote on each position, and the votes were unanimous. The new officers are:

President – Cheryl Fawvor
2nd Vice-President – Carole Royer
Parliamentarian – Kim Patrick

Cheryl then announced that the Board approved adding an additional position within Programs. The new position – Events Coordinator – will be in charge of the two luncheons and any additional social functions. Pamela Stephens has volunteered for this position, and Cheryl thanked her for agreeing to do this job in addition to continuing as Hospitality Chairman next year. If anyone would like to work with Pamela, they should contact her.

Cheryl also announced that, due to work commitments, Claudine Illg will be unable to move up to 1st Vice-President for the coming year. Cheryl will appoint someone to finish out Claudine's term, starting this summer. Please let Cheryl know if you are interested.

****Fundraising:** Lori Fay/Kim Patrick/Nan Righter

Lori drew for this month's winners:

Stained glass (donated/made by Vikki Rogers) – Alice Brown
Garden Problem Solutions (donated by Nan Righter) – Kim Patrick
Birdbath – Amy Marinucci
Square Foot Gardening (donated by Flora Tiedt) – Visitor
Potting Soil (3 bags donated by Wabash) – Carole Royer, Cheryl
Fawvor, and Maddy Gardner
Orchid – Visitor

Lori reminded members that the Caladium Bulb Sale has started. The order form is available at the meeting and online. The sale will continue through the next meeting. Cheryl also encouraged members to support this sale.

****Historian:** Margaret St. Clair urged everyone to "Keep smiling!"

****Hospitality:** Pamela Stephens introduced the hostesses and asked them to stand for members to recognize them.

****Membership:** Patti Crawford reported that we are up to 77 members and that we have four visitors today.

****Directory** – Alice Brown is preparing the next update of the Directory. If anyone has an email or phone change, please let her know. The update will come out in Feb.

****Newsletter:** Flora Tiedt asked members to let her know if they have any problems opening the newsletter.

****Publicity:** Pat Plesko asked for input from members if there are publications beyond the fifteen or sixteen that she regularly posts our meetings in.

****Sunshine and Lunch:** Maddy Gardner thanked members for keeping her informed. Lunch today will be at Red River BBQ.

****Horticulture:** Jean Bays identified a few hardy plants that are still flowering in January.

**** Federation:** Sharon Cecil was not present. Cheryl announced that the next Federation meeting will be on Friday, Jan 13, and the topic will be “Penny Wise/Pound Foolish.”

****New Business:** Cheryl Fawvor

Thought for the day:

Gardening is a matter of enthusiasm holding up until your back get used to it.

-Unknown

The meeting was adjourned at 11:50.