

## **NCGC March, 2017 General Meeting**

### **March 2, 2017**

**\*\*President:** Cheryl Fawvor called the meeting to order at 10:00 and welcomed members and guests. She then called on Mary Lou Proctor to introduce the speaker, Darla Harris from The Fern Plantation in Magnolia. Darla presented an interesting introduction to ferns, demonstrating, passing around samples, and selling ferns at the end of the meeting.

Cheryl called the business meeting to order after the presentation.

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

**\*\*Treasurer:** Vikki Rogers

Starting Balance	\$7,820.26
Income	600.00 (bulb sale, raffle, plant sale, field trip)
Expenses	<u>382.88 (speaker fee, MUD room set-up, bus trip)</u>
Ending Balance	\$8,037.38

**\*\*Programs:** Mary Lou Proctor announced our upcoming events:

- Mar 10 – Azalea Trail. We will take a bus, and the club is picking up our usual bus fee (which pays for the driver's lunch and tip). The last chance to sign up is today. The first home on the tour does not open until 11:00, so we will meet at 9:15 on the MUD parking lot, and we will leave at 9:30. We hope to see about four of the homes and be back in Katy around 4:00. Mary Lou will bring water, but members may want to bring a snack. Lunch will be at Buca di Beppo. For \$14.95, we will have assorted Italian dishes served family style, and drinks (tea or soft drinks) are included.
- May 4 - End-of-Year Luncheon. Pat Plesko, Lisa Holden, and Chris Rogers are working on this luncheon. Mary Lou asked them to stand. The luncheon will be at Hasta la Pasta, and members can sign up and pay today or at the April meeting. The cost is \$25, and that includes a choice of four entrees, 2 desserts, and drinks (non-alcoholic). As usual, we will have a Busy Bee Exchange and a collection for Katy Christian Ministries.
- Apr 13 – Japanese Gardens. We will take a bus, so the trip will cost \$5 so that we can tip the driver and buy him/her lunch. Sign up today or in April.
- Apr 6 – The speaker for the General Meeting will be Bart Brechter from

Bayou Bend. He is the curator for the gardens there, and he will speak about the museum and the azaleas.

Cheryl announced that Claudine Illg has resigned from the board, and the remainder of her term will be served by Chris Rogers. Cheryl introduced Chris and thanked her for volunteering.

**\*\*Parliamentarian:** Kim Patrick was not present, but Cheryl explained that there are some proposed changes to our bylaws. These will be presented at the April meeting and voted on at the May luncheon.

**\*\*Fundraising:** Lori Fay/Kim Patrick/Nan Righter  
The silent auction came to an end with Kathy Clark (last month's speaker on birds and butterflies) winning the rain barrel.

In other raffles and prizes:  
Metal hanging art – Pam Vogel (a visitor)  
Butterfly table runner – Carole Royer  
Beverage Dispenser – Jeanne Gordon  
Hydrangea door prize – Jewel Cullin

Next month we will have a Plant Exchange instead of the Plant Shoppe. Anyone who wants to participate will bring a plant next month.

**\*\*Historian:** Margaret St. Clair  
If anyone has taken pictures they would like to have posted on the website, please send them to Margaret.

**\*\*Hospitality:** Pamela Stephens asked the March hostesses to stand and be recognized.

**\*\*Membership:** Patti Crawford announced that as of today we have 78 members, with 54 present. We also have five guests.

Our membership drive has begun. Please fill out the membership form and return it and \$25 by the end of May to continue your membership.

**\*\*Newsletter:** Flora Tiedt was not present, but Cheryl reminded the club about the Facebook page. Only paid members can join the closed Facebook group.

**\*\*Publicity:** Pat Plesko announced that she is done for the year!! Thanks for your good work, Pat!

**\*\*Sunshine and Lunch:** Maddy Gardner thanked the club for keeping her aware of member needs. Today's lunch will be at Local Table.

**\*\*Horticulture:** Jean Bays identified a nice group of early bloomers.

**\*\* Federation:** Sharon Cecil announced that the Fed will meet on Friday, March 10 at White Oak. The meeting begins at 9:30, and the topic this month is "Photography in the Garden."

**Thought for the Day:** Cheryl Fawvor

A society grows great when old men grow trees whose shade they know they will never sit in.

Greek Proverb