

NCGC May General Meeting - May, 2016

****President** Cheryl Fawvor called the General Meeting to order at 11:30 a.m. at Alicia's Mexican Restaurant. She welcomed everyone to the luncheon and thanked Pat Chislett and Mary Lou Proctor for making all the arrangements. She also thanked members for their donations today to Katy Christian Ministries.

As each board member reported, Cheryl thanked them for their work and dedication this year.

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

****Treasurer:** Vikki Rogers gave the treasurer's report:

Backyard Passions:

Total Revenue	\$2,308.00
Total Expenses	\$ 155.30
Net Profit	\$2,152.70

Beginning balance \$7,760.87

Income 2,876.00 (Backyard Passions, Luncheon, Plant Sale,
Drawings and Memberships)

Expenses \$451.60 (Speaker fee, Fundraising)

Current balance \$10,185.27

****Programs:** Mary Lou Proctor and Pat Chislett

Pat is stepping down from programs. Claudine Illg will be the new 2nd VP and help Mary Lou next year. Pat thanked everyone who helped at the programs table this year. Mary Lou passed out a survey. Members were asked to indicate what their favorite programs were from previous years and to make suggestions for next year's programs.

****Parliamentarian:** Kim Patrick had nothing to report.

****Fundraising:** Lori Fay/Kathy Burleson/Nan Righter

Lori thanked all of the members who volunteered at Backyard Passions and asked the homeowners from the Garden Tour to stand and be recognized.

****Historian:** Jeannie Gordon asked that everyone smile as she came around taking pictures today at the luncheon.

****Hospitality:** Alice Brown/Gayle Spence

Alice thanked those who helped this year. She also recommended that everyone volunteer next year for Pamela Stephens, who will head up hospitality. Pamela passed around a sign-up sheet. Alice will be taking over the directory for next year.

****Membership:** Patti Crawford

Patti had to work today, but Cheryl encouraged everyone to pay their dues by the end of May. Currently we have 85 paid members, and we must pay Federation dues and turn in current rosters by May 31. The membership form is on the website. The form and payment can be delivered to Patti.

****Newsletter:** Jewel Munoz was congratulated on the upcoming arrival of baby Madison. The club gave her a gift and passed out cake to all attendees. Flora Tiedt will be the Newsletter Chairman next year. Good luck and thank you, Jewel!

****Publicity:** Pat Plesko

Edd Plesko was our guest for the luncheon and received a thank-you gift from the club. He is our webmaster, and he said he is up for any changes we want to make next year.

****Sunshine:** Maddy Gardner

Maddy thanked the club for keeping her so well informed.

****Horticulture:** Jean Bays

Jean thanked everyone who brought plant specimens this year. Norma Beustring brought enough Orchid Tree seed pods for all of us and gave handling/planting instructions. Thank you, Norma!

**** Federation:** Sharon Cecil

Sharon announced that the Fed will have its final luncheon and officer training this summer. She encouraged everyone to try to visit at least once next year.

****New Business:** Cheryl Fawvor

Cheryl announced that every year we donate to a local garden-related non-profit. This year the board feels that two organizations are each deserving of a \$250 gift. The two are the Katy Prairie Conservancy and the Bayou Preservation Association. Jean Bays spoke briefly about the importance of maintaining the prairie, and Nan Righter urged us to donate to the Bayou in light of the recent flood. There were no nominations from the floor. Cheryl put it to a vote, and it passed. We will donate \$250 to each of these worthy organizations.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:00.