

Nottingham Country Garden Club
September 6, 2012

Sue Straub called the meeting to order. She explained the history and purpose of the club for the benefit of new members and guests. Eight guests were recognized. Master Gardeners were asked to stand for recognition.

Alice Brown introduced the speaker, Linda Gay of Arbor Gate, formerly of Mercer Gardens. Her topic was Plant Scents (Sense). Handouts were provided by the speaker. Arbor Gate donated bulbs, work gloves, and a gift certificate.

The business meeting followed the speaker. Garden Club business cards were introduced and made available to members as a way to conveniently provide information about the club. Board members were introduced. It was announced that the May secretary reports had been approved by the board and were available for viewing on the website. Treasurer, Gwen Heck, stated that the club began the year with a working budget of \$3953.78, had expenses of \$300.42, leaving a balance of \$3653.36. The proposed budget for the 2012-13 year was presented. A motion for approval was made by Debbie Hamm, seconded by Norma Beustring, and passed by the membership. Sue thanked the hospitality committee and those who brought refreshments. Membership chairman, Mary Lou Proctor reported 43 paid members. She said the new directory would be given out next month and thanked Alice Brown for her work on the book. Alice then gave information about the extra activities scheduled for the year. Fundraising committee members, Janet Blowers and Lori Faye, thanked Mary Lou Proctor for donating the raffle items. Pat Chislett requested articles for the newsletter. Historian, Kim Patrick, will take photos as needed for the new directory. Ana Barrett explained the purpose of the Sunshine committee and asked to be informed of any situation where a club member might appreciate a card. Jean Bayes and Margaret Mason talked about the flowers brought in for viewing. Donna Luther gave information about Federation, the September date, speaker, and free workshop following the meeting. The meeting was then adjourned.

Respectfully submitted
Marilyn Frueh
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