**Lake of the Woods Garden Club**

**General Membership Meeting**

**March 12, 2018**

**Minutes**

**Call to Order—**

President Carolyn Graham called the meeting to order at 10:30 AM and Connie Etherton read the thought for the day, a lovely St. Patrick’s Day poem. A quorum was deemed present.

Carolyn called on Doris Earhart to stand and be recognized for her outstanding work on the 40th Anniversary Book and the Yearbook both of which she had put together. Both books have been sent to the District meeting for judging at their next Board meeting.

Carolyn was recognized for her inspiration and Deborah Kratzer was also recognized for the amazing job she did on the Christmas Tea. Deborah has agreed to Chair the tea event again later this year.

Joan Green was recognized for her work on the lovely Valentine Wine and Cheese Party.

Linda Ticomb was recognized for her ongoing help with Carolyn Graham as well as her organizational skills.

**Minutes of Previous Meeting—**The highlights of the minutes were read and subsequently amended to correct the fact that the membership year is not a calendar year but instead starts June 1 and goes through May 30th.

**First Vice President—**Linda Ticomb thanked all those who have agreed to help provide meals to our president. She then announced that we have three new members:

**Joellen (Joey) Harvest**—119Eagle Court

**Ann Jewel**—505 Gold Valley Road

**Vivian Woofter**—107 Nugget Drive

Dues are due for the coming year. So far response has been good. The deadline is May 15th.

**Second Vice President—**Gaylen Smoak thanked those who had sent so many heartfelt letters of condolences to her regarding the loss of her mother.

Gaylen said that April’s meeting was going to be led by Joy Poole and cover the “ins and outs of a flower show” and that May’s meeting was going to be about using flowers from our own gardens in arrangements. These two programs may, however, end up being switched due to a scheduling conflict that Joy has.

The House and Garden Tour volunteer sign up sheet was passed around. This year’s Tour will also incorporate a flower show by displaying both arrangements and horticulture in each home on the Tour. Three arrangements and five horticultures will need to be in each home. The Tour Committee is still looking to add homes to the Tour. People with suggestions should contact Gaylen or any member of the Tour Committee.

Carolyn Graham mentioned that the Board had passed a motion that each member be required to purchase only one ticket to the Tour. The ticket will cost $20 in advance and $25 at the door and members are encouraged to sell as many tickets as possible as this is the only fundraiser our club has. The House and Garden Tour will be held on Saturday June 2nd from 10-3 PM. A motion made and seconded for the cost of the tickets to be $20. This motion passed unanimously. A second motion was made and seconded to charge $25 for tickets sold at the door. This motion also passed unanimously.

**Treasurer’s Report—**Loretta LaTerra gave the treasurer’s report. There is $3,734.95 in the checkbook and the Club holds a CD valued at $3,782.69.

Total assets are $7,517.64.

The Valentine Wine & Cheese party broke even—as it is supposed to—and we have now received the reimbursement we were do from the Club for the Christmas decorations we purchased.

**Reports of Officers and Standing Committees—**

**Parliamentarian**--Jan Davis encouraged those interested in having their house on the House & Garden Tour to contact either her or Gaylen Smoak. The goal is 4 houses and 3 gardens plus the memorial garden. Jan also mentioned that the next meeting is April 9th and members are encouraged to show up early for our Arbor Day Celebration and the installation of the tree we have given the LOW community. Our new tree will be located in an area near the bench we donated for the LOW 50th Anniversary. In the past, Bob Arronson (sp?) has overseen the Arbor Day Celebration and now Dan Green will be taking over this project. Mary Simms will be working with Dan to select the tree and identify the specific location for it to be planted. The tree will be dedicated to Rod Ahlfield for all the work he has done for the Garden Club.

**Recording Secretary**--Teresa Gregson said that the Board had agreed to allow advertising in the program for the House & Garden Tour and she will be coordinating the creation of the program.

Our next District meeting is April 12th at the Fauquier Country Club in Warrenton this year. The ticket cost is $27 per person. The program is “Odd Plants You Should Be Growing In Your Garden. “ Forms are at the sign-in table.

**Corresponding Secretary**—Shellee Williams gave a report on all the communications she had made on behalf of the club:

--A get well card to Joyce Haring whose daughter was ill.

--A sympathy card to Carolyn Graham whose husband, Bill, passed away.

--A get well card to Carol Bohrer

--A sympathy card to Kathy Bradford whose daughter passed away.

--A note to Jan Davis whose husband fell as they began their cruise.

--A note to Frances Lynch whose husband was in a car accident.

Shellee also stated that Mary Parsons, from the Fawn Lake Garden Club, had accepted our invitation to come to the Valentine’s Wine and Cheese Party. She said she had also received a note from the LOW Maintenance Group thanking the Club for the food it had sent.

Joy Poole gave the District report and said the Convention is April 8th -10th and said that she is coordinating the flower arranging for the dinner Sunday night. The district meeting is April 12th and Joy encouraged everyone to come.

Joy also encouraged folks who have never signed up for a flower show to do so and she passed around a sheet for people to volunteer to do so. Each volunteer will work with a mentor to create each type of arrangement or horticultural piece that is needed. Members buy the flowers and mentors help arrange them.

**Reports of Special Committees—**

As President of the LOW Veterans Club, Dan Green said that the Virginia General Assembly had recently passed a resolution recognizing the week of March 18-24th as Women’s Veteran Week. President Graham asked veterans in the Club to stand and be recognized.

**Unfinished Business—**Yearbook volunteers are needed. If you are interested in getting involved and helping out, please speak with a member of the Garden Club Board or a member of the Yearbook Committee.

Those having suggestions or new ideas for our monthly-meeting programs should contact Gaylen Smoak.

**Adjournment—**There being no further business to come before the Club, the meeting was adjourned at 2:10 PM and the reception commenced. Hostesses for the St. Patrick’s themed reception were: Jennifer Ciskanik, Deborah Kratzer, Susan Oldach, Connie Etherton and Teresa Gregson.

Following the reception, a program featuring Rod Ahlfield from the LOW Grounds Crew commenced. Rod’s program focused on which plants thrive in the soil here in LOW and which ones do not.