**Lake of the Woods Garden Club**

**General Membership Meeting**

**May 14, 2018**

**Call to Order—**President Carolyn Graham called the meeting to order at 1 PM and Barbara Brady gave the meditation for the day quoting the lyrics from Louis Armstrong’s “What A Wonderful World.”

**Officers’ Reports—**

**1st VP Membership—**Linda Ticomb said we had 101 members and that 49 were in attendance today so a quorum was present. Linda reminded members that next month begins the start of a new membership year. There were two guests in attendance; Alita Irby and Lori Bailey.

**Recording Secretary**—Teresa Gregson read the two motions passed by the Board at their last meeting. **The first** was regarding the Landscaping/Conservation report given by Jan Davis. The Board passed a motion to spend $352.77 on expenses related to cleaning up the Blue Star Memorial Garden which our Club shares with the Rapidan Garden Club. **The second** motion the Board made was to support an initiative by the Ways & Means Committee that would bring the Plant Guru (Kent Russell) to LOW next year as a fundraising event. The Board recommended we pay his $900 speaking fee, which includes a $300 down payment, and that we invite other garden clubs to attend the event. Lynn Cryblskey updated the membership and stated that the event has been booked for May 11, 2019.

**Corresponding Secretary**—Shellee Williams sent one card regarding Joyce Haring’shusband.

**Treasurer’s Report**—Loretta LaTerra said that as of April 30th there was $4,681.25 in the checking account and $3,783.75 in a CD giving us a total of $8,465 in assets.

**Assistant Treasurer**—No report.

**2nd VP Programs**—Gaylen Smoak said that Todd Brethauer of the National Chrysanthemum Society will give next month’s program.

**Parliamentarian**—No report.

**Nominating Committee**—No report.

**Past President**—NOTE: Although there was no report given at the meeting, during the program, Dan Greene met with the Board to discuss the need for additional directional signage for the House & Garden Tour and to get approval to purchase metal signs. Although a final amount including tax was not available, the Board completely agreed that the signs were necessary and Dan was given the authority to purchase the signs. A full report will be given at the next meeting

**Standing Committee Chairpersons**

**Awards & Penny Pines**—Joy Poole announced the awards from both the District State.

**Club Scrapbook** went to Doris Earhart who won a district level award.

**Club Yearbook** went to Joan Greene who won a district level and state award.

**Newsletter** went to Jennifer Ciskanik who won a district level and state award.

**National Garden Week** went to Connie Etherton for the 6 arrangements she organized for National Garden Week

**LOW Tree Planting** went to Mary Sims, Jan Davis and Dan Greene

**Butterfly Garden** went to Joan Greene for the beautiful Monarch Weigh Station she and Dan installed in their back yard.

**Arbor Day Planting** went to Dan Greene who won a district level and state award

**Special Achievement** went to Carolyn Graham for following the mission of the club.

**Education—** Gaylen Smoak updated the membership on the House & Garden Tour. She said that the tickets were being distributed at the meeting and encouraged anyone who had not already done so to purchase their ticket. She further said that Joyce Herring had the master list of hostesses and that there would be two shifts, one from 10-12:30 and the other from 12:30-3 PM. Joyce will be calling members to tell them which shift they are working and at which house.

 **Scrapbook/Historian—** No report.

 **Hostesses—**A list is unavailable. Please email Teresa@BeesAndTrees.biz if you provided food at this meeting and your name will be added to this section of the minutes. Future lists will be given to the LOW Garden Club President at the start of the meeting.

**Landscape/Conservation—**No report.

 **Newsletter—**No report.

 **Photographer—**No report.

 **Publicity—**No report.

**Ways and Means—**No report.

**Yearbook—**No report.

**Ongoing Business—**

1. A motion was made and passed unanimously to spend the $352.77 that the Board had recommended be spent for the Blue Star Memorial Garden.
2. Mary Sims discussed the need for additional landscaping by the LOW 50th Anniversary bench that the Club donated last year. Mary has been in touch with LOW Maintenance and they have indicated they would like us to plant flowers in self-watering containers that have a reservoir at the bottom so that these plants will not need to be watered as frequently. These pots cost $250 each. President Graham suggested the issue be taken under advisement and considered for the future.

**New Business—Special Committee—** No report.

**Unfinished Business—**Jan Davis briefly discussed the VFGC 2019 Calendar project in which the Club has voted to participate. The overall theme of the 2019 calendar is “Giggles and Gardens” and our Club now needs to select a theme for the June 2019 photo.

As there was no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 1:50 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Teresa Gregson

Recording Secretary