**Lake of the Woods Garden Club**

**Board of Directors Meeting Minutes**

**August 27, 2018**

**The Community Center**

**Call to Order—**President Linda Ticomb called the meeting to order at 10:30 AM. In attendance were Jan Davis, Lynn Cryblskey, Debbie Hein, Janis Rieley, Sonni Beranek, Loretta LaTerra, Shellee Williams, Deborah Kratzer, Joy Poole, Mary Sims and Teresa Gregson. A quorum was present.

**Officers’ Reports—**

**President’s Report**-- Linda Ticomb gave the following updates.

Christmas Clubhouse Decorating--Nancy King told Linda that she would like to have a table at the September picnic--decorated with a Christmas theme—in order to encourage members to sign up and help with the decorating.

LOW Link--Linda received a request from LOW Link asking to make a presentation to the club regarding what LOW Link does for residents. There was some discussion about what the best venue was for this to happen. A motion was made and seconded to have the group speak for 10-12 minutes at a future membership meeting. The motion was passed unanimously.

Doris Earhart—Linda said that Doris has asked us to consider how we want to treat Carolyn’s passing in this year’s scrapbook. Linda will suggest to Doris that we use the leaves from Carolyn’s remembrance tree as a theme throughout the pages of the scrapbook and photograph the resolution--given by the Board in her honor--surrounded by those leaves.

**1st VP Membership—**No report.

**Recording Secretary**—The minutes of the last meeting were emailed to the membership and a motion was made and seconded to have them approved. The motion passed unanimously.

**Corresponding Secretary**—No report.

**Treasurer’s Report**—Loretta LaTerra said we have a $6010.69 balance in the checking account and the CD totals $3,784.83. The total balance is $9,795.52. Loretta also passed out the 2018-2019 budget to the Board members and encouraged them to hold on to their copies! This budget began in June 2018 goes through June 2019.

**Assistant Treasurer**—No report.

**2nd VP Programs**—Jan Davis talked about the LOW Christmas tree lighting which was mentioned in the new LOW GC Yearbook. Jan has set up a meeting with Phil Rodenberg on Sept 6th because paying for the lighting is not in our budget.

**Parliamentarian**—No report.

**Nominating Committee**—Jan Davis mentioned that we need a 1st VP. Mary Sims was appointed to fill the remaining term for Linda Ticomb. Mary accepted the appointment.

Jan also said that the LOW GC has been invited to Rod Ahlfield’s retirement cookout—he is the retiring supervisor of the LOW Grounds Crew. Jan wanted to know if the Board would consider giving him a gift card as a present. The Board agreed we should do so and Jan suggested that we pass a basket and a farewell card at the September picnic to raise money towards a gift card for him.

Joy Poole also said that she is looking for people to serve on the Nominating Committee and this will be announced at the next general meeting.

**Past President**—No report.

**Awards & Penny Pines**—Joy Poole advised Board members of the importance of keeping up with the activities of our garden club District by carefully reading their newsletter, Shenandoah Sharing, and pointed out several important items inside the latest edition that Shellee Williams had recently emailed to everyone. Joy encouraged the Board to read it closely.

Joy further mentioned that the District calendar, which the Board discussed purchasing at their last meeting, was NOT the design calendar she had described. The Board had approved purchasing four of these calendars. As it happens, the calendar that should have been discussed was the FUN calendar that we are a part of in June. The money raised goes back to the District. The cost of these is $8 and the Board felt we should purchase ten. A motion was made and seconded and was unanimously approved. Joy said she also wanted approval to have a table at the District meeting. She has several items that the club has held on to for a number of years that she thinks she could sell at this table. Joy was given a $10 budget for the table.

Joy said that the Penny Pines Plantation that was supposed to be given to the family of Carolyn Graham did not arrive in time. When it is received, it will be given to Linda Ticomb who will make a copy and send two to Carolyn’s family—one for each child.

Finally, Joy offered for the Board’s consideration the creation of a membership status called a Member Emeritus. She is suggesting that this category be created for garden club members when they turn 85 years old. This designation would mean that members in this category would no longer need to pay club dues. Each Member Emeritus would cost the club $6.25 per year because we pay their portion of the state dues. This idea will be considered by the Board.

**Education—**No report.

**Scrapbook/Historian—** No report.

**Hostesses—**No report.

**Landscape/Conservation—**Mary Sims said that she needs to buy mulch and compost for the Memorial Garden. Most of what was there has been washed away from all the storms this year. She also said that we now have both of the self-watering pots that are being placed by the anniversary bench and that she now needs to purchase soil and plants for these pots. Janis recommended transferring $100 from the library fund for this purpose. Mary also said that the Board needs to discuss the donation of a tree in Carolyn Graham’s name for Arbor Day. The tree would be planted prior to Arbor Day in order to give it a good, healthy start. The Board will discuss this issue further at the September Board meeting.

**Newsletter—**No report.

**Photographer—**No report.

**Publicity—**No report.

**Ways and Means—**Lynn Cryblskey and Debbie Hein said that the Ways and Means Committee has been talking about how they can increase revenue from the opportunity drawing held during each general meeting. The Committee believes that they could raise more money if the membership understood where the surplus funds were going. The committee has talked about the possibility of earmarking these funds for a scholarship or other educational purpose. The pair asked the Board to consider designating a purpose or cause for each month’s opportunity drawing. A motion was made and seconded to have the Ways and Means Committee come back to the Board with a list of ten groups that would be worthy of receiving funds from the opportunity drawing. The motion was made and seconded and passed unanimously.

Debbie Hein said that she has two people interested in joining the club and that those individuals are hoping the Board would reconsider having evening meetings. There are a number of people who have indicated that they are willing to join if one or more meetings were held in the evenings. Debbie asked the Board to consider having one evening meeting this year. A motion was made and seconded to support that concept. So, for the coming year (2019), the club will have at least one meeting in the evening and target it to attracting these new members. The motion passed unanimously.

Debbie Hein said that she will be passing a sign-up sheet for the May 2019 fundraiser featuring the Plant Guru. Janis Rieley suggested a Save-the-Date card be printed. Linda suggested that the Ways and Means Committee do an announcement at the September picnic and said she would also go through the annual member sign-up sheets and look for people who indicated they were interested in helping with events like this as well as public relations. The Ways and Means Committee believes that this event must receive a significant amount of public relations and media attention in order to be successful.

**Yearbook—**No report.

As there was no further business to come before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 12:30.

Respectfully submitted,

Teresa Gregson

Recording Secretary