**Lake of the Woods Garden Club**

**Board of Directors Meeting Minutes**

**January 22, 2018**

**The Woods Center**

1. **Call to Order**--President Carolyn Graham called the meeting to order at 10:30 and Linda Ticomb read the thought for the day about spring and gardening season approaching. In attendance were: Joan Greene, Jan Davis, Linda Ticomb, Sonni Beranek, Deborah Kratzer, Carolyn Graham, Jennifer Ciskanik, Doris Earhart, Betty Scheuermann, Nancy King, Karen Kovarik, Shellee Williams and Marj Lohmann. A quorum was present. Doris Earhart was commended for her photos and for the scrapbook creation. Gaylen Smoak, who was absent, will receive an appreciation certificate for her work on the Clubhouse Garden. The Living Water Clinic sent a thank you note in appreciation for the Fire and Ice Christmas tree, which raised $165 for the clinic.

2. **Minutes of Previous Meetings**—As Teresa Gregson was absent, minutes of the previous meeting were unable to be read or approved.

3. **Treasurer’s Report**—As Loretta LaTerra was away, there was no Treasurer’s report. Carolyn feels that the money for projects has been spent wisely; the Christmas Tea was a success and the Fortieth Anniversary meeting was also well done. Most often, projects are at a break-even status, which is satisfactory. If expenses need to be submitted, send the receipts to Deborah or Shellee. We are still waiting for reimbursement from Phil Rodenberg for the Christmas decorations at the Clubhouse.

4. **Reports of Officers and Standing Committees**—

 Corresponding Secretary, Shellee Williams, sent get well cards to Brenda Rogers. Carolyn Graham, Carol Bohrer, and a Christmas card to Ed Harn. –

Parliamentarian, Jan Davis, had nothing to report in this capacity.

Carol Bohrer, Ways and Means, has resigned due to ongoing health problems. Perhaps Lynn Cryblskey could be her replacement? Lynn had offered to be co-chair of ways and means in Carol’s absence. Lynn would like to have a co-chair to help her in light of Carol’s resignation.

Jennifer Ciskanik has not heard yet regarding the dam landscaping grant for which she applied. She should hear by January 31st. Discussion about the trees at the dam ensued. There is a problem with watering ability. A water tapping supply in the area of the dam was estimated at $10,000, which is too expensive. Jennifer’s committee will revisit the watering issue. Lack of water could be a long-range problem. It was stated that the trees planted by the bench are native, but may not survive in the full sun.

Jennifer is doing a terrific job on the newsletter.

Gaylen and Shellee are co-chairing the House Tour on June 2nd. A meeting should be called soon to discuss plans. An advertisement in Shenandoah Sharing magazine would be good for exposure. Teresa Gregson is in charge of Publicity and Deborah Kratzer for Tickets. There will be a regular Garden Club meeting on June 11th also.

Joy Poole would like to present a Penny Pines Plantation Certificate to honor Rod Ahlfield after his presentation at the March meeting. The cost would be about $60. Some donations have been collected, and some of the funding may be taken from the General Fund.

Doris Earhart said that the scrapbook is almost ready to be submitted for publication. She is waiting for a sale from Snapfish, if possible.

Betty Scheuermann is unable to continue her work maintaining the Wilderness Library Garden. It is a labor-intensive job and requires male help and providing equipment to use. Another person needs to take it over. Perhaps the Boy Scouts would be interested in taking it on as a project?

Betty has tried to communicate with Locust Grove Middle School regarding the renovation of their courtyard garden. There has been no response from the school. As this is a new semester, an entirely different group of students is involved. Momentum for the project just isn’t there. As there is no support from the school, Shellee Williams moved to shelve the Garden Club’s involvement as advisor. Sonni Beranek seconded the motion. The Garden Club will not participate in this project.

Karen Kovarik published an article in Lake Currents about the Valentine’s Day Wine and Cheese Party. The article cannot solicit ticket sales, or it is considered and advertisement and would incur a charge to be published. Sixty-two tickets have been sold. Red roses will be given, stems encased in a water tube with a tulle ribbon attached. The party will be from 3:30 to 5:30. An error of 5:00 end was printed on the tickets, but is runs until 5:30. Nancy King will sing, accompanied on the piano by Karen Mollard.

5. **Reports of Special Committees**—The Christmas Tea was nicely done. Sixty people attended and should be the amount estimated for the future, revised down from 80. A new system of RSVP needs to be addressed, as the E-vite was not very successful. It was suggested that paper plates be used to cut down on waste. China and silverware from the Clubhouse were also discussed as a possibility, to be investigated later.

Nancy King presented a detailed, comprehensive report with photos about the Christmas decorations at the Clubhouse. Approximately $1145 is to be reimbursed for expenses. Three new Christmas trees are needed for next year, due to breakage and water damage. Eight small wreaths are missing and need to be purchased for next year. The bar area also needs table decorations, as someone borrowed decorations from elsewhere in the Clubhouse to use in the bar. For next year, Nancy would like to put a star and lights on one of the existing trees at the point, for visibility from the water. The front gate decoration is not the Garden Club’s responsibility, although several members undertook the task this year. Maintenance is responsible for this area and has their own funds. It was mentioned that Nancy’s report was the best ever presented for a completed project.

6. **Unfinished Business**—No unfinished business

As there was no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 12:00 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Marj Lohmann for Teresa Gregson