**Lake of the Woods Garden Club**

**Board of Directors Meeting Minutes**

**March 26, 2018**

**The Woods Center**

**Call to Order**—

President Carolyn Graham called the meeting to order at 10:35 and Linda Ticomb read the thought for the day. In attendance were: Sonni Beranek, Lynn Cryblskey, Joy Poole, Doris Earhart, Shellee Williams, Jan Davis, Jennifer Ciskanik, Gaylen Smoak, Linda Ticomb, Carolyn Graham, Mary Sims and Teresa Gergson. A quorum was present.

Carolyn Graham thanked Gaylen Smoak for taking the lead on the Club’s House & Garden Tour.

Jennifer Ciskanik shared with the Board several pots she had made for the VSGC Convention in April. Our Club is responsible for making the flower arrangements at Sunday night’s dinner. The entire Board loved the pots that were made with an old towel, cement, mortar, peat moss and vermiculite. Gaylen Smoak suggested that Jennifer consider presenting at the Club in June and demonstrating how to make these.

**Officers’ Reports**—

**1st VP Membership—**Linda Ticomb reported that there were 100 members—two of which are honorary.

**Recording Secretary—**The minutes from the March 12th general membership meeting were emailed to the board and suggested corrections should be sent to Teresa Gregson.

**Corresponding Secretary—**Shellee Williams said there had been no communications sent since the last meeting.

**Treasurer’s Report**—Loretta LaTerra emailed her report, as she was unable to attend the meeting. So far, the Club has 33 paid members for the 2018-2019 year, there are still 67 members that need to pay their dues. The current balance in the checkbook is $4,231.55. Her report stated that the 2017-2018 budget has $500 allotted for the Flower Show. The 2018-2019 budget has $600 budgeted for the House & Garden Tour.

**Assistant Treasurer**—There was no report.

**2nd VP Programs**—Gaylen Smoak reported that, because of the VSGC Convention, Joy Poole is unable to give the April presentation, however, an herbalist will be speaking in her place. The presenter for the May program will focus on how to use the flowers and plants in your garden. It was suggested that Jennifer Ciskanik present at the June meeting and there will be no meeting in July.

**Parliamentarian—**Jan Davis reported on plans for the Club’s Arbor Day celebration. Although Arbor Day is the last Friday in April, we will be celebrating it April 9th in conjunction with our next Board meeting. The ceremony will begin at 1 PM and will take place near the bench that the club purchased in honor of the LOW 50th Anniversary. The tree will be dedicated to Rod Ahlfield for his outstanding work with the Garden Club and in appreciation for the amazing work he has done at LOW while he has worked here. The Club allowed Rod to select the type of tree he wanted and he selected a Blue Spruce. The cost of the tree was $153.49 delivered and it will be planted this week. The LOW Board of Directors will be invited to attend the dedication on April 9th.

**Nominating Committee—**There was no report.

**Past President—**There was no report.

**Standing Committee Chairpersons—**

**Awards & Penny Pines—** Joy Poole reminded everyone that the VSGC Convention is from April 8th-10th and Joy is in charge of flowers for the dinner the night of the 8th at the Sheraton Hotel and will use the pots that Jennifer Ciskanik made for the flowers on the table. This is especially fun since the speaker at the dinner is the same man who shared how to make these pots last year! Joy also reminded everyone that the next District meeting is April 12th in Warrenton and encouraged members to attend. The Penny Pines jar was passed around during the meeting.

**Education—**Gaylen Smoak gave an update on the House & Garden Tour. To date there is one house confirmed for the tour and that is Vassa Olson’s home. Other homes being approached are Randy & Beth Barnett, Loretta LaTerra and Debbie Hein. Gaylen said that Joyce Herring is in charge of recruiting the hostesses and Joy Poole is in charge of the flower arrangements and horticulture. Teresa Gregson is in charge of the program and the advertising inside of it. Gaylen also said that a letter has been drafted to send to the homeowners confirming their agreement and detailing the ins and outs of the Tour. There was discussion on whether or not we should approach the Club about offering box lunches for sale and a motion was made, seconded and passed to simply advertise where people can have lunch as opposed to selling box lunches. The motion carried unanimously.

**Scrapbook—**Doris Earhart said that the State Board is currently reviewing the Scrapbook.

**Hostesses—**There was no report. Lynn Cryblskey is going to reach out to Kay Gray and see if she needs any help finding hostesses for the April meeting.

**Landscape –**Jan Davis said the gardens are in great shape with strong leaders. The Greenes are in charge of the Butterfly garden, Gaylen Smoak is in charge of the Clubhouse garden, Mary Sims is in charge of the Memorial Garden and Lynn Cryblskey, Janis Rieley and Debbie Hein are in charge of the Wilderness Library garden. The Board decided to make the Memorial Garden the first stop on the House & Garden Tour.

**Newsletter—**There was no report.

**Photographer—**Doris Earhart reminded members to think about photo opportunities as they work on their projects and cited Jennifer’s making the pots as an example.

**Publicity—**There was no report.

**Ways and Means—**Lynn Cryblskey mentioned that the Committee has been looking at ideas that could raise money for the club. Two of those ideas included creating and selling greeting cards with lovely pictures of flowers and gardens in LOW. These cards would sell for $5 for a pack of 5 or $1.50 each. Additionally, the committee looked at making neck coolers that could be worn in the summer. These would sell for $5 each and be sold at Garden Club meetings. The Board approved both of these ideas as fundraising efforts.

**Yearbook—**Joy Poole said that the members requested that they receive the Yearbook information earlier in the year. After a lengthy discussion about how best to keep the Yearbook current throughout the year and whether or not the yearbook should include pictures, it was decided that Linda Ticomb will produce the final list as soon as the deadline for member sign up had concluded.

**Ongoing Business—**The ongoing business of the Club may be found under reports listed above.

**New Business-Special Committee**—Jan Davis reported that the State has a 2019 calendar project that she thinks our Club should be a part of. Clubs throughout the state can each select a month of the year and then use that month to highlight an activity that the club participated in. She recommended that we take the month of June in 2019 and highlight the pot-making activity Jennifer Ciskanik will be working on this year in the photo. A motion was made, seconded and passed to support this activity with the $50 fee that the District requested. Jan Davis will be in charge of this activity for the Club.

**Unfinished Business**—Lynn Cryblskey brought up the fact that there were still 11 cookbooks that had not sold and that she was taking them to every meeting trying to sell them. She asked if there was an opportunity for Gaylen to give them to presenters if appropriate or whether they could be given as a part of the 50/50 drawings held at meetings. A motion was made, seconded and passed to reduce the cookbooks to $15 a piece and to give Gaylen the authority to use the cookbooks as gifts to presenters.

As there was no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 12:10 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Teresa Gregson

Recording Secretary