**Lake of the Woods Garden Club**

**Board of Directors Meeting Minutes**

**February 25, 2019**

**The Community Center**

**Call to Order—**President Linda Ticomb called the meeting to order at 10:30 AM. In attendance were: Shellee Williams, Deborah Kratzer, Debbie Hein, Lynne Cryblskey, Jennifer Ciskanik, Gaylen Smoak, Joyce Haring, Loretta LaTerra and Teresa Gregson. A quorum was present.

**Officers’ Reports--**

**President’s Report—**Linda Ticomb said that we need to decide whether or not we want to have the Valentines Day wine and cheese event in 2020 because these Club events get booked quickly. The Board indicated that they did want to hold the event again next year and Linda will proceed and book a date with the Club. The bill issued by the Club for this year’s event was a little confusing and Linda said she would investigate the issue further. At this point it appears that we lost $91 on the event which cost $15 per ticket. The Board voted 4-2 to increase the ticket price for next year’s event from $15 to $20.

With regards to the 50/50 held at the Valentine’s Day event, $60 was raised for the scholarship fund and the Board had questions about exactly what the scholarship fund is and what it is used for. For this event, the $60 will be sent to the District for them to add to their scholarship fund. A motion supporting this decision was made, seconded and passed unanimously by the Board.

**Arbor Day**—Linda will call Mary Sims about the event and discuss having the plaque made for Carolyn Graham. Gaylen Smoak suggested we have a second name tag vendor ready to go in the event we needed one.

**Treasurer’s Report**--**Loretta LaTerra** gave the treasurer’s report. She said that the Bank is merging and will be changing its name from Union Bank to Atlantic Union Bank beginning beginning in May.

Loretta also said that the club collected $1140 in income from the Valentine’s Wine and Cheese and that the associated costs were as follows: Club food/wine costs ($974), Lake Currents Ad ($50), Cost of the roses ($206.39). This gave us a deficit of $90.99 for the event.

Loretta also advised the Board that the $362.93 from the LOW Association for the Christmas decorations the Club purchased has not been paid yet.

The checking account currently has $4367.67 and the CD has $3789.19.

**Nominations Committee--Joyce Haring** presented Nominations Committee report. The position for Nominations Chair for the next term is still open and the Board will help identify a potential chair. The slate of officers, which will be presented to the full Garden Club at the March 11th meeting, is as follows:

**2019-2021 Nominations for the LOW Garden Club**

**President**: Linda Ticomb

**1st Vice President, Membership**: Mary Sims

**2nd Vice President, Programs**: Debbie Hein

**Recording Secretary**: Gaylen Smoak

**Corresponding Secretary**: Shellee Williams

**Treasurer**: Deborah Kratzer

**Assistant Treasurer**: Susan Oldach

**Parliamentarian:** Jan Davis

**Nominations**:

**Ex-Officio President**: Dan Greene

**Guru Update—Lynn Cryblskey and Debbie Hein** gave an update on the May 11th event. The tickets are being printed and will be available at the next full meeting of the Garden Club on March 11th. **Grelen Nursery** and **The Market at Grelen** have agreed to be our Patron for the event and Vassa Olson has agreed to be a sponsor. Additional sponsors are being pursued. The Committee is looking for people to help with parking the day of the event and several people suggested that this would be a good job for any willing and able husband! The next meeting of the Guru Committee is March 4th at 10:30 AM.

**Evening Meetings**-- The first evening meeting of the Garden Club will be March 11th and will focus on “Root Cutting”. Although we can’t publicize it, we will be serving wine and cookies and it will be held in the Game Room of the Community Center from 6:30-8 PM. It was suggested that members attending be sure to wear their nametag. Additionally, there was discussion about these evening meetings being more craft-oriented and offering members a chance to get away for the evening of fun.

**Technology Committee**—**Teresa Gregson** said that the first meeting of the Technology Committee will be held on March 5th at 2:30 at Debbie Hein’s home. The purpose of this first meeting is to discuss what members feel should be put on the website and what the site should look like. Members are asked to look at sites they frequent and consider what they like/don’t like about them and come prepared to discuss them and offer suggestions.

**Other News--**

Linda Ticomb said that she had received a lovely note from **Brenda Rogers** thanking us for the many cards, flowers and plates of food she received from members of the Garden Club. She said that Brenda would be speaking about her experience and the accident at 10 AM on March 31st at the LOW Church.

Shellee Williams suggested the Club consider having a **Spring Fling Dance** next year and the Board liked the idea. There was discussion about how the Board plans its events and how important planning is to every event. Discussion focused on the Board doing some strategic planning which would help prioritize and establish goals for the Club. Linda Ticomb said she would look into it.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Teresa Gregson

Recording Secretary