**Lake of the Woods Garden Club**

**Board of Directors Meeting Minutes**

**January 29, 2019**

**The Community Center**

**Call to Order—**President Linda Ticomb called the meeting to order at 10:30 AM. In attendance were Karen Kovarik, Shellee Williams, Deborah Kratzer, Debbie Hein, Lynne Cryblskey, Jennifer Ciskanik, Gaylen Smoak, Nancy King, Joy Poole and Teresa Gregson.

**Officers’ Reports--**

**President’s Report—**Linda Ticomb said that (as of today) 45 tickets had been sold for the Valentine’s Wine and Cheese event February 13th. There will be a gathering at Linda’s to put the roses into tubes and get them ready for the party. Tickets can be sold for up to 2 days prior to the event and then we need to give the count to the Club.

Linda also briefed the Board on several Garden Club’s positions whose leaders have asked for help with their tasks or have indicated that they would like to be replaced. These individuals include:

**Loretta LaTerra** would like to be replaced as treasurer as she is travelling. Deborah Kratzer has indicated that she would be willing to take the job.

**Gaylen Smoak** would like to be replaced as Second Vice President of Programs.

**Jennifer Ciskanik** would like someone to take over the Newsletter or at least have someone to help her.

**Karen Kovarik** would like someone to help her with publicity.

**Doris Earheart** would like to be replaced as the Club Photographer. Lisa Ward has indicated she would be willing to fill in for the Valentine’s Wine and Cheese event.

Linda also reported that several members of the Board would be going to the bank to pursue getting a debit card for our bank account so that we will have a vehicle to pay for ongoing expenses related to the website and our domain name. Credit would also be established for our use of the Square system which will allow us to take credit cards for any ticketed events we have, and also collect membership dues.

Linda asked Teresa Gregson to update the Board on the Facebook page. Teresa noted that the initial page she set up was a “regular” page did not allow members to post directly to the page’s timeline. She has since found out that the only way to allow everyone to post directly is to create a “group page” which she has done. The group page has an administrator (right now Teresa) and she must “accept” all members to the group. Once you are accepted, you can post any question or fact of interest you have related to LOW Garden Club and its mission. If you are already following the first Facebook Page, Lake of the Woods Garden Club, then you will see the notice telling you to move to the new page by clicking the “Join” button. If you are not already a member, simply search for the new page LOW Garden Club and ask to be made a member.

Linda Cryblskey and Debbie Hein gave an update on the Garden Guru event to be held Saturday, May 11th from 1-3 PM. She said that Steve and Ted have been trained on the AV equipment and will do a dry run about a month before the event to make sure all is set to go. They have a tripod which can be used during Kent Russell’s presentation. The event will be published in the Old Dominion and the Shenandoah Crossing publications which go out to the district and state garden clubs. Fundraising for a Patron ($750 level) and three sponsors ($500 level) has just begun. Jan Davis is coordinating the fundraising of vendors at the event and, for fundraising purposes, we will be listing those vendors as “Supporters.” The next meeting of the Guru Subcommittee is set for February 4th.

Nancy King gave a report on the Christmas decorating of the clubhouse. She said that this was the second year using the theme: “An Old-Fashioned Christmas” and that, if we were willing to continue the theme with some minor updates, she would be willing to serve again as Chairman. She said the decorations are still very lovely and that they could be slightly updated by simply adding some crystals ornaments to the them. She further said that she had been able to return $362 of the $600 that Phil had given her this year. The Board agreed with her suggestion. She also mentioned that we would need to purchase a new tree in the lower level because it has broken in half and that we will need to get 7 new wreaths for the grill room as those are looking ratty.

Deborah Kratzer gave everyone an update on the Club’s Christmas Tea which she chaired. She thanked everyone who made the savories and sweets and said that they had reduced the number of settings from 80-60 which had saved money. A total of about 50 people attended and the snow was a factor in the attendance. It was suggested that future teas make use of the urn(s) in the clubhouse so that the water for the tea is hot and served right from the room limiting the opportunity for the water to cool.

**Ongoing Business**—

**Evening Meetings**--Gaylen Smoak reminded the Board that we agreed to reach out to non-members in the community and hold an evening meeting as a means of attracting new members who work during the day. The first evening meeting will be held March 11th and will focus on “Root Cutting”. Gaylen said that the “Worm Lady” will be giving a presentation at our regular March meeting and that LOW Link would be making a 10-minute presentation about their program.

Joy Poole mentioned that she would be hosting a tea for Club member, Connie Etherton, on February 19th from 1-4 in her home. Connie is moving to Chesterfield, VA.

A discussion about the May installation ensued and it was suggested that there be cake and punch following the installation as there is no official program held at that meeting.

As there was no further business to come before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 12:35.

Respectfully submitted,

Teresa Gregson

Recording Secretary