

Chapel Hill Garden Club Board Meeting
October 6, 2015

Present: Barbara Clare, Anna DeConti, Sarah Laish, Jane Lamm, Louise Law, Jinny Marino, Anne Montgomery, Betsy Nininger, Vicki Scott, Char Thomann, Donna Worcester

Corresponding Secretary, Jane Lamm: Appropriate greeting cards have been sent to: David Pike, Gail Norwood, Gatzky Family, Mary Jean Lowrie, Elizabeth McLachlan, Christine Ellestad, Penny Thompson, and Maria Beal.

Char asked all who can to contribute to the Hillsborough Club's Seed Exchange to be held in conjunction with the upcoming District 9 meeting. She will email this request to the general membership, and offer to pick up donations.

Char noted that CHGC is on the schedule to host the state meeting in 2018, which is to be held within days of the garden tour. It was generally agreed that this would be impossible. Char will immediately contact the state president with a request to change our date to an "off" year from the garden tour.

Tour Update: Char, Christine and Liliane will meet with officials about Town of Chapel Hill sponsorship. Another garden has been added to the tour: Wood Burns' historic Coker area property. Sarah said she would like very much to have another person work with her on decorating garden forks.

Louise and Char will attend a Taking Care of Business seminar being offered through the Chamber of Commerce.

Community Service: Vicki reported that on September 22 a group met and prepared space and put in plantings at the Ronald McDonald garden. She expressed delight at having several men present, including Keith Larkin. Betsy suggested we plan to go over to the garden during a monthly meeting of the club to bring attention to this activity. The Ronald McDonald House director indicated to Vicki that they would like to have the garden on the tour in 2018 when it is established. The Freedom House garden is looking good. The garden at Stratford needs attention and some winter plants.

Floral Design: Betsy has eight people signed up and plans are underway for the workshops.

Membership: We have three new members. Char made a presentation to the Chapel Hill Newcomers Club, where two women expressed interest in the CHGC. Anna reported that we have 113 paid members. An

additional five Life Members brings total membership to 118.

Horticulture: Jinny volunteered to give a presentation on how to condition and present plants for entry in the state meeting show in April. This will be scheduled for the February general meeting. Jinny will also prepare a handout.

Awards: Heidi has prepared a brochure that is almost ready for distribution. It will be used to attract youth gardeners who have special interest in gardens for bees and other pollinators.

Treasurer: The report was distributed and explained by Anna, and accepted as information. The balance as of September 31 was \$17,226.53. Special thanks to Anna for her work as treasurer.

Anna noted that we have been spending some \$800 for the annual audit, which is rather expensive given the limited amount of work required. Heidi will check to see if the NCBG's CPA can perform the audit for us.

Minutes of the September Board meeting were approved as written.

Char reported that the Past Presidents' Luncheon was held at Vicki Scott's home and thanked Vicki for the warm hospitality. Eight former presidents attended and it was a most enjoyable event for all.

The meeting adjourned at 11:10.

Anne Montgomery
Scribe