

## Chapel Hill Garden Club Board Meeting, March 6, 2018

Attendees: Jane Lamm, Mary Arnold, Barbara Clare, Maggie Conger, Anna DeConti, Sarah Laish, Louise Law, Ruth Little, Jinny Marino, Anne Montgomery, Joan O'Brien, Vicki Scott, Amanda Watlington

Minutes of the February Meeting: President Jane Lamm called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m. She thanked Debbie DiSabatino and Sarah Kingan for the field trip to Michael and Sarah Farms. The February 2018 minutes were approved, as moved by Sarah Laish, and seconded by Joan O'Brien.

Treasurer's Report: Joan O'Brien reported that the club had \$1,421.00 in income and \$1,456.42 in expenses in February. The club's bank balance is \$16,041.91. About 100 members (renewals or new members) have paid their dues this year. 30 people who were members last year have not paid dues yet this year. Joan O'Brien will share the information about members who have not yet renewed with Membership, so they can follow up with phone calls. Joan O'Brien has the credit card for the club and will make purchases upon request.

### Committee Reports

2018 Chapel Hill Garden Tour: Anna DeConti, Tour chairperson reported:

- Jane Lamm met with Damon Waitt. NCBG really appreciates the club's support, which has been crucial to the Children's Wonder Garden.
- Darlene Pomroy has all the head garden guides and has met with them.
- Tickets are on sale.
- Jane Lamm, Ruth Little, and Anna DeConti are working on the photo contest. There will be a reception at the Chapel Hill Public Library.
- Consideration is being given to making a contribution to the Town of Chapel Hill's Hope Garden, to contribute to this worthy cause and to express the club's appreciation for the Town's strong support for the Tours.
- Robbie Brown, Tour Logistics, has ordered new direction signs for the Tour in the Tour colors. Libby Wilkie designed the signs. Maggie Conger volunteered to help Anna DeConti put up the direction signs in Robbie Brown's absence.

- Publicity for the Tour now includes Walter magazine, page 8 of The Triangle Gardener, and a podcast with Jan Dean and Barbara Clare.

Membership/Hospitality: Sarah Laish reported new members Barbara Robertson, Jo Mooney, and Pamela Dempsey. Sarah Laish reported that outreach to new members and guests is ongoing, including at General Meetings.

Newsletter: Barbara Clare reported that the deadline for submissions is March 14, 2018.

State Meeting: There was a request for a contact that could provide a color guard for the state meeting, but no board members had one.

General Meetings: Jane Lamm requested that everyone use the microphone. Members have mentioned not being able to hear what is going on, which is a barrier to participation in and enjoyment of meetings.

Community Service: Vicky Scott reported that on Thursday, March 8, volunteers were needed to help clean up the beds at Freedom House, prior to spring planting, which will take place later in the year. Heidi Sawyer-Clark and Amy Strunk will be renovating the Stratford beds. Sarah Kingan renovated the downtown planter last fall, and will be leading maintenance this year. A suggestion was made that Community Service should put up its big sign at General Meetings.

Old Business: Jane Lamm reported that she and Maggie Conger will be doing flower arranging on May 10, 2018, with emotionally disturbed children as part of the Wonder Connection program.

Adjournment: Louise Law moved and Amanda Watlington seconded a motion to adjourn. The motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted,

Mary Arnold, Recording Secretary