

Concord Garden Club Board Meeting

August 29, 2022

Present: Johane Telgener, Lauren Savage, Gretchen Coughlin, Millie La Fontaine, Jenny Robson, Peg Blume, Trish Wentworth and Reenie Waters.

Johane called the meeting to order. A motion was made and seconded and approved to accept the secretary's report.

Johane introduced Michael DeCristofaro, the financial advisor from the NH Charitable Foundation. His purpose was to give the Board an overview of the Polly Perry Fund and to answer questions from the Board.

He began with the goals of the NHCF. The Foundation works to make the NH communities better by giving millions in grants to support projects and education in NH. He pointed out that the donors remain involved with the fund. The Polly Perry Fund that was bequeathed to the CGC and was to be used for children, music the underserved, the environment, education and women's issues. Michael reported that in 2018 \$25,000 was invested and it has supported projects in the Concord community. After donating \$3000 in the last two years there is a balance of \$27,000. Quarterly statements are sent to the CGC treasurer and president. Michael reported that there are no restrictions on the amount granted and recommended an average amount of \$1250 per year be granted. He was questioned about to who the money could be given, Could we use it for our 100th anniversary activities? He said that the CGC is not eligible for these funds. Only 501(c)(3) groups are eligible. The club had a request for a tree project at Concord High School. We would have to see if this is a government entity. Johane thanked him for his presentation and for answering our questions. He said that we could contact him with any further questions.

In Full Bloom: It was reported that the Garden Tour was a great success. There were net proceeds of \$2158. The Pierce Brigade, Kimball Jenkins and Sycamore Gardens each received \$700.

There was discussion about maybe a date change for next year. It was noted that we need a chairperson for next year. The Garden Club thanked Gayle Kimball for such a successful program.

Art and Bloom: Millie read a rough draft letter that will be sent to future Sponsors. She will continue working on the letter.

The A&B dates are January 26-28 2023. Teams are encouraged to become arrangers and Millie is hoping for 22 to 25 arrangements this year. Barbara Jobin

will present a “sample” demonstration of arranging on October 27 from 12:00 to 1:15 PM.

Audit: Tricia is working on the audit with Gretchen. They have a few loose ends to tie up.

Program: September 8, 2022- Member party at Gayle Kimball’s house in Contoocook.

Henry Homeyer will present Tips for Growing Flowers at the Audubon.

November program TBD

December 2022. Luncheon at Concord Country Club. Members will be asked to bring a Yankee Swap “Garden” gift.

January 26-28, 2023- Art and Bloom.

March meeting at Gibson’s Book Store

April program will be a Pollinator program.

May 3, 2023- Luncheon along with a flower arrangement program by Trim Hahn.

June 2023 Bed Rock Garden tour in Lee. The maximum number of people to go on the tour is 24. We will have two tours: one in the morning and one in the afternoon.

Some of the dates in this list may have to be changed. It is a work in progress. We will keep all members informed of any future changes. Jenny Robson will have a monthly announcement on our web page announcing changes.

New Members: Johanne reported that the new member coffee will be rescheduled.

Gena Cohen Moses is working on the club booklet will print some hard copies.

There was discussion about the Concord Greenspace Coalition. We should be aware of the expansion of 93 and how we can help the community.

The meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Noreen Waters, Secretary