Town and Country Garden Club Meeting Minutes

Community/Senior Center

September 11, 2024

Social gathering with refreshments- 5:30-6:00

Business meeting- 6:06-6:30 P M 20 members present

**Minutes-** from the May 8, 2024 meeting were approved without correction. Motion to accept was made by Barbara O’Conner and second by Arline Shanley.

**Treasurer’s Report-** Teri Doern reported current balance to be 5684.50 plus 850 from our sponsors, Shakespear’s Garden and Sal & Pepe’s Italian Bistro. An earlier meeting was also held for the 2025 budget. Information on the meeting was included in the last newsletter.

**Business meeting-** Chris Lincoln thanked tonight’s hostesses.

 - A sample was given to members from Organic Rev. Information was included on the table. Feedback is encouraged.

- Edmond Town Hall would like help from our club to advise and meet with them on improving the garden.

Anyone that wants to help with advising on container gardens and perennials, please notify Chris.

 - A signup sheet is being passed around for anyone who is interesting in helping with the scarecrow contest at Fairfield Hills. Teri Doern (chair).

 - Awards luncheon is coming. Please register with

 the Federated Garden Awards Meeting online. Info. is provided on the table or contact Barb McCann for

 more information.

 - Hospice Breakfast, at The Waterview, Nov. 7th is open to the club for 35$. Make checks to Town and Country Garden Club and give to Teri Doern.

Treasure Report -Teri Doern reported budget for 2025 to be

 6263.00. Motion for approval was Joy Kopesky and second

 by Joan Alexander.

**Standing Committee Reports-**

 - Handbooks: Holly Walczak distributed the new books. Reminded members to note the date they are to be a hostess. Reminded us that there is a link on our website to the handbook. Also, if you desire a different picture in next year’s book to let her know.

 - Awards: October 16th.- see above.

- Website/Newsletter: Josie Schmidt encouraged members to send garden related pictures , write an autobiography and make recommendations on help- full referrals in the home and garden.

 - Ways and Means: Peggy Fillion stepped down. Chris Lincoln requested anyone interested in chair or co-chair position to let her know. Will continue with the raffle next meeting.

**Committee Reports-**

 - Horticulture: Elaine Sullivan has stepped down from the position.

 - Conservation: Nancy Azzaro reported information on the spotted lantern fly. Josie is going to send a link/ video on how to catch the fly. She also reminded us to be aware of bears while we are gardening.

 - Publicity: Hillary Goldstein was concerned if any member does not want their name with a picture on a public info. site. She is sending information if you choose to opt. out. (Presented by Chris Lincoln, Hillary non-attending)

 - Ask the Expert: please email Barbara O’Connor with your questions. She with then inform Josie Schmidt of your answer and she will then put it in the newsletter.

 - Exhibits: Barbara O’Connor and Arline Shanley reviewed. Theme this year is Around the World- 7 continents, “Old World Charm”. Today was traditional line mass. Josie Schmidt took 1st; Barb McCann took 2nd. Horticulture was reviewed by Barbara O’Connor.

Program- 7:00-8:00, 17 guest present. Sally Brochkett spoke on Hummingbirds...Jeweled Acrobats in the Garden.

Meeting adjourned at 8PM.

Respectfully submitted by Peggy Fillion, Temporary recording

secretary.