



Orinda Garden Club
General Meeting Minutes
Thursday, February 19, 2015
Joint Club Meeting with Piedmont
Orinda Country Club
9 a.m. Coffee, 9:45 – 10:15 a.m. Meeting
10:30 a.m. Program, 11:45 a.m. Lunch

President **Janet Riley** welcomed members in the Fairway Lounge at 9:49 am. **Pamela Stefan and Midge Zischke** passed out ballots and explained the three choices for the Founders Fund vote. The voting ensued and the second option won our club's vote: The Wissachickson Zone V Garden Club's History and Horticulture in an Urban Meadow transforming a Stenton, Philadelphia, meadow into an outdoor laboratory for 3,000 public school students.

Beautification:

Laurie Smith passed a clipboard for sign ups for Tues., 3/3/15, 10 am, off ramp clean up, and Orinda in Action, Sat., 4/18/15, 9-4, clean up for the other direction off ramp from Lafayette (meet at the Library for coffee and pizza after the clean up.)

Education Report:

Cathleen Sodos said everything will take place on May 7, 2015 for the Garden Tour. After the tour on 5/7/15, there will be a Garden Party for 65 people, which will cost \$125/ticket, \$250/patron ticket, or \$500/sponsor ticket. This will be in addition to the requirement of buying 4 \$50 tickets to the Garden Tour. Cathleen announced the additional proceeds will sponsor the Camino Pablo median project for which Sylvia and Tim Carter have pledged to match funds for up to \$15,000. **Pamela Croce Goode** passed around a sign up for volunteers for the Garden Tour.

Membership Report

Anita Hughes asked for more hostesses and co hostesses for the 3/26/15 mini luncheons. She explained what a wonderful experience it is for 8-10 members to get together in a member's home.

Carole Wolfman announced that she and her committee of Jennifer Brunk, Rhonda Zakskorn, and Pamela Croce Goode have a slate for officers next year. She entertained other nominations and then Jennifer moved and Jane Ryan seconded and our new President Margie Murphy and new Vice President Cathleen Sodos were elected.

Margie Murphy assisted by Ruth Fortune and Lisa Jorgens reported that 90% of the surveys were returned but few members asked for a specific job for next year so please say yes when you're called for an assignment for next year.

Dona Snow reviewed the March 1st deadline for change of status must be sent to Tina Locke. Sponsorship forms are available online or from Dona; that deadline is 3/15/15.

Treasurer **Sandy Barnett** told the membership that the board has increased the Meneice budget to \$2,000 and the scholarship budget to \$4,000. The flower market badges were distributed by Bobbie Wilson, Lisa Hallahan and Janet Riley. If you didn't receive yours, contact Sandy Barnett.

Hort's **Joyce Nelson** said the Pruning Hydrangea workshop will be held at Sandra Holland's home on Tues., 2/24/15, at 10:00 am.

The minutes were approved as e-mailed from the 1/22/15 meeting.

President Janet Riley said that at the President's Council our flower show assignment for the 2018 Annual Meeting, with Gail Emmons as chair, was met with great enthusiasm.

As there was no New Business, the meeting was adjourned at 10:17 am.

Piedmont GC's president Lisa dell'Osso was introduced and she greeted Annette Serrurier and Iris Wagner as visiting Zone Chair and GCA director. President Janet Riley presented gifts to them.

M.J. Walburg and Piedmont's **Patty Dunlap** explained Partners 4 Plants working for habitat restoration on public lands in conjunction with Save the Bay. The next work date will be Wed., 4/1/15.

Judy Shallot advised us to use our recyclable bags, not to ask for plastic covers at the dry cleaners, return hangars to the dry cleaners, not to buy plastic toys (take kids on a field trip instead,) air dry our dishes, get rid of old appliances and not use facial cleansers, hand sanitizers, or deodorants with triclosan or microbeads. To wash your hands: turn on water to wet your hands, then turn water off, suds up, then turn on water to rinse.

Lisa Jorgens introduced speaker **Katherine Spitz**, a landscape architect and garden designer. She spoke of a garden's walls, columns, ceilings, floors, water and color. One of the gardens that was featured was Bonnie Miller's garden in Orinda which will be in our Garden Tour on 5/7/15.

The purpose of Orinda Garden Club is educational and charitable and shall be: to stimulate the knowledge and love of gardening, to cooperate in the protection and conservation of our natural heritage and to encourage and assist in the beautification of the community.