

LAKWOOD FOREST GARDEN CLUB

Board Meeting Minutes

September 20, 2024

President – Bette Gerhold, acting President in absence of Barbara Crum, called the September Board Meeting of the Lakewood Forest Garden Club to order at 9:52 am on Friday, September 20, 2024.

Chaplain - Marlo Wilson gave an inspirational reflection on the New Harvest moon to begin the meeting.

Recording Secretary – Mary Davis reported that the August 16, 2024 Board Meeting minutes were posted on the LFGC website. Since there are no corrections, additions, or substitutions; then the minutes stand as posted.

Corresponding Secretary - Jean Robinson was not present. No report.

1st Vice President (Programs) - Bette Gerhold stated the October program has been confirmed for October “Things to Do to Help the Honeybees,” Nicole Buegers, Bee2Bee Honey Collective

2nd Vice President (Membership) - Mary Etta Wood Gave a report that we currently have 71 members, and she has contacted the 2 guests that attended the September meeting.

Treasurer – Harriett Bedenbaugh will replace Susan Busler who has resigned as Treasurer of the Lakewood Forest Garden Club. Harriett Bedenbaugh will serve the remainder of Susan Busler’s term. We are thankful for the time that Susan Busler served as our Treasurer and appreciate Harriett Bedenbaugh accepting the position for the remainder of the 2024-2025. The bank account is the same as at the September General meeting as no further actions have occurred since Harriett has taken over. To receive reimbursements, please fill out form and attach receipts. Harriett has a question for Mary Etta Wood about a deposit and will get the report from her for the deposit in question.

Committees & Volunteer Chairs 2024-2023

Awards: Open - Pam Randall reported that we still need a chairman, and she gave comments on the District 4 website and the status of awards that can be completed online making it very easy to apply. Deadline is November 1 for submitting awards. She has yearbooks to hand out today and at the October General meeting. Pam has a power point presentation and handouts that she was

going to present at the Federation meeting that she can send out to anyone that is interested.

Brookwood - Open – We are still in need of a chairman. Per Terri Cole, Barbara Durr receives regular emails from Brookwood and will update our members on events that they may want to attend, and they can create their own carpools. Currently they need help planting poinsettias. The Chapel at Brookwood is available for weddings and funerals. There is also space that can be reserved for receptions.

Christmas Luncheon Planner - Mary Etta Wood gave a report that they were finalizing plans for the luncheon. She plans to do the reveal at the October General Meeting and collect the fees for the meal.

Communication - Please send Barbara Durr the necessary information you want included to the members by Friday before the next general meeting so that she can prepare her communication email.

Cypress Assistance Ministries – CAM – no report

Facebook Administration -no report

Federation Representative - Pam Randall gave a report that the program was about Brookwood Community. They need help with planting poinsettias. See the Brookwood website for other events and programs. Federation has all their programs on their website. Next month there will be a Flower Show. Pam has forms if you would like to enter a display. Hopefully we can get carpools to attend their meetings as we did for September. LFGC was well represented.

Historian - Gabriele Klopp is looking for a new printing company to do next year's President book. Costs are going up.

Horticulture - Sue Hull told us about an app called Skyview that shows the moon and stars. There were also comments on a comet that was visible last night in the sky.

Hospitality - Susan Hanson announced that the refreshments for today were furnished by Bette Gerhold and herself. Thanks for this lovely spread of goodies.

Librarian - Harolene Hatley reported that she has a wonderful book on Brookwood that she will bring to the October General meeting.

Mercer- Barbara Davidson has no report today.

Parliamentarian - Carolyn Calvert reported that the September general meeting was great in that the use of the microphone and louder speaker boxes from Judy Beckham's husband enabled us to hear our speaker and member reports. Can we research the cost of a new mike and speaker system and include Judy's husband in the research. The use of a podium was also noted to be very beneficial for the speaker or members to place their notes while holding the mike.

Publicity – Open - No report but it was noted that the Lakewood Forest neighborhood garage sale will be November 14, 15, and 16.

Reach - Margo Propst and Dawn Bramwell – No report as both were absent.

Transportation - Donna Stephens reported that she has 2 dates, October 16 and December 9 available for outings. December 9 will be a shopping and lunch trip led by Kathy Rogers. Barbara Davidson said that if there are no plans for the October 16 day, she could probably do a trip to Mercer Arboretum. Signups were be at the next general meeting.

Way and Means - Harriett Bedenbaugh gave out vouchers to members at the September General meeting and will also visit the Lady Bug Garden Club to sell vouchers. Margo Propst will attend the Norchester Garden Club to sell vouchers. Bette Gerhold will call and see about getting permission to go to the Bridgeland Garden Club to sell vouchers. Harriet will start monthly fundraising idea of the 50/50 bucket at the October meeting. Chances can be bought where a winner will be drawn to get half of the proceeds from that meeting and the other half goes to the operating expenses.

Web Editors - Adrienne Juno and Jayne Wilson reported everything is updated on the website. They have updated the master list with a new member and updated the calendar. Gabriele Klopp's phone number was noted as incorrect and has been given out to board members and will be updated on website.

Wreaths Across America - Pat Gauger reported that she collected \$831.00 from club members for wreaths and \$1,600.00 from outside sources for a total of \$2,431.00. She will still collect at the October and November general meetings.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS – no unfinished business

NEW BUSINESS – Pam Randall proposed that we might want to do a fundraiser of LFGC cups and/or water bottles. Cookbooks were also brought up and it was noted that Adrienne has the cookbook in digital form and many people do use internet for recipes rather than a print form. A discussion was entertained and Mary Davis suggest that we may want to set up a committee to develop long range plans for future fundraisers starting in January when the plant sale is completed. It was also suggested that a plant jar for donations for the club could be set out by the cuttings and plants brought to share with other club members. Marlo Wilson auctioned off the plant she brought for \$20 to Mary Etta Wood.

ANNOUNCEMENTS – No announcements

ADJOURNMENT – Bette Gerhold announced, “There being no further business, the meeting is adjourned”. The meeting closes at 11:06pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Davis, Recording Secretary

