

LAKWOOD FOREST GARDEN CLUB

Board Meeting

November 15, 2024

President - Barbara Crum called the November board meeting to order at 10 am.

Chaplain - Barbara Kapustska, for Marlo Wilson, read some inspiring passages from the book "Maybe" by Kobi Yamada and led the pledge

Recording Secretary – Jayne Wilson, for Mary Davis, stated that the October Board meeting minutes are on the website and asked if there were any corrections or additions.. There being none, the minutes stand as approved.

Corresponding Secretary - Jean Robinson. Following the passing of Sue Collins' husband, Jack, Jean Robinson made a motion to make a \$50 donation to MD Anderson, in lieu of flowers, per the family's wishes. Mary Etta Wood seconded. A vote was taken, and the motion passed unanimously. Jean also passed a sympathy card around so board members could sign. In addition, Jean let the board know that Patty McGrath will be having back surgery on December 5

1st Vice President (Programs) - Bette Gerhold confirmed that the speaker for the January meeting will be Lauren Simpson of the St. Julian's Crossing Wildlife Habitat. A bus trip has also been arranged to St. Julian's Crossing on March 11th.

2nd Vice President (Membership) - Mary Etta Wood. Mary Etta announced that membership is now up to 74 members. Newest are Susan Presley and Fran Schaeffer – who said she like our vibes.

Treasurer – Harriett Bedenbaugh stated that the current balance is \$16,220.03

Committees & Volunteer Chairs 2024-2025

Awards / Federation / Yearbook/Directory – Pam Randall

**Thank you to members who contributed to Children's Gardening Basket
Barbara Crum read Pam's report. There followed a discussion about creating a centerpiece, possibly centered around a Christmas village, for our table at the Federation Christmas gala. Bette Gerhold offered to provide fairy lights and help with design.**

District 4 still asking for donations for the District 4 Blue Star marker.

Discussion followed regarding car-pooling to the Houston National Memorial Cemetery on March 25 so members can attend the installation ceremony.

Brookwood - Lynn White announced a volunteer opportunity at Brookwood on December 4 – sleeving poinsettias.

Terri Cole and Beth Gerhold shared their volunteer experiences wrapping at the recent Nutcracker Market on Nov 14

Christmas Luncheon Planner - Mary Etta Wood announced that 43 people have now signed up for the Christmas lunch.

Communication - Barbara Durr praised her team of ladies on the Communication committee

Cypress Assistance Ministries – CAM – Judy Beckham (No Report)

A reminder to bring a checkbook, cash or gift cards for CAM to the Christmas lunch

Facebook Administration - Jayne Wilson reported an increase in participation from members, posting photos from their gardens, their recent harvest etc.

Members are welcome to post gardening related events that they think others might be interested in. But to recap the group rules, personal items for sale may not be posted in the Facebook group.

Historian - Gabriele Klopp - No report

Horticulture - Susan Hull mentioned ideas for some possible reports for next year.

Hospitality - Susan Hanson thanked Harriet Bedenbaugh and Sue Hull for the refreshments provided at today's meeting. Harriet and Sue will forward the recipes to be included on the website.

Librarian - Harolene Hatley - No report

Mercer- Barbara Davidson - No report

Parliamentarian - Carolyn Calvert - No report

Publicity – No Report

Reach - Margo Propst – No report

**** Poinsettias may be picked up from Margo's house after the Christmas lunch**

Transportation - Donna Stephens - No report

Way and Means - Harriett Bedenbaugh gave an update on fundraiser so far. 119 flats were sold, and 25 bags of mulch. Harriet noted that sales have declined in recent years. Lengthy discussion followed of other fundraising options and the possibility of creating a fundraising committee next year to come up with alternate fundraising ideas.

Web Editors - Adrienne Juno and Jayne Wilson reported that the website is updated and any new items are highlighted on the What's New page.

Wreaths Across America - Pat Gauger – No Report

UNFINISHED BUSINESS - Bette Gerhold confirmed the dates for Spring Fling – April 9 – 10 – 11 (Wed, Thur, Fri). Destination to be announced. Limited numbers, sign up early.

NEW BUSINESS – None noted

ANNOUNCEMENTS – None noted

ADJOURNMENT – Meeting was adjourned at 11:50 am

Respectfully submitted by Jayne Wilson, subbing for Mary Davis