

Wildflower Bunch General Meeting Minutes

March 2, 2016

Welcome:

Co-President Judy Kaufman welcomed everyone to the first WFB meeting of the year and expressed her relief that once again we missed a late winter taunt from Mother Nature. She then asked Catherine Mann, Programs Chair, to introduce our traditional opening day speaker Cynthia Hendry.

Presentation:

Cynthia's talk, "Twenty Tips for the Perfect Big Canoe Garden," presented the membership with a wide range of strategies to win against the wildlife, conquer our topography and climate, and create gracious, successful four season, outdoor spaces. Her humorous and knowledgeable suggestions were noted by us all and discussed enthusiastically during lunch.

Business Meeting:

Programs: Catherine Mann discussed the plans for the next two meetings when in April Sandra Sandefur will talk about "Natives for Garden and Vase" and in May Lindsey Kenner will discuss "Hardscapes - Walls, Paths, and Water Features." She encouraged everyone to check the website and 2016 brochure for more details.

Membership: Linda Ricklef reported that the current membership of 115 is a record for opening day. So far we have 17 new members. Linda introduced those who were attending the meeting. Both Linda and Judy encouraged us all to welcome new members and reminded us that the red nametag ribbon made recognition easy.

Plant Sale: Bonnie Plykaytis gave the club a wonderful overview of her plans for the Plant Sale, April 15th and 16th. Our favorite vendors are returning but Bonnie has also lined up some new ones. She needs volunteers, wagons, and of course good weather. Judy encouraged us to participate and especially stressed that new members will enjoy being there.

Communications: Speaking also for Barbara, Jeri gave a brief overview of the changes in our communication network and in particular the updating of the website. Please check there as well as the brochure and the bulletin board to stay in the know about WFB activities.

Treasurer: Martin reported that the WFB budget for 2016 was approved at the January Board meeting. Our revenue will come from our fundraisers and membership dues. Expenses include

programs, donations, and BC landscaping projects. The projected year-end balance is \$2,500. The club's current balance is \$8,423.

Publicity: Fran asked all the new members in attendance to please linger briefly after the meeting for photographs.

Other Board Members: Judy introduced other board members without specific reports, including Barbie Cash, Secretary and Eunice Nichols, Parliamentarian. Judy thanked them for their willingness to serve on the board.

Closing Comments: Judy announced with much appreciation that Janet Jones has accepted the responsibility of chairing A Time to Share. Judy also announced that other programs such as Coffees in the Garden, A & Os, and the Garden Tour are still in the planning stages.

Luncheon: Patsy Wohlwend, 2004 WFB President, gave the blessing. The membership then enjoyed a lovely Asian themed lunch and the table decor created by Jennie Sheffield and Pat Culbertson.

Next Meeting: April 6th at the Clubhouse

The WFB Board for Barbie Cash, Secretary