

**Garden Club of Wilmington
Membership Meeting
May 6, 2019**

Location: Vicmead Hunt Club
Program: Business Meeting and Spring Flower Show
Hostesses: Executive Committee

Marion du Pont, President called the membership meeting to order at 11:00 am.

Announcements:

June Meeting:

Woodley Habgood graciously offered to host the June meeting at her house on June 3rd at 11:00 am at 302 Hillside Road, Greenville, DE.

Marion reminded the Committee Chairs to please bring their end of year committee report in triplicate to the meeting. The full report does not need to be read at the meeting, but a summary of highlights should be prepared for presentation.

GCA Updates:

Betsy McCoy has been asked to serve on the National Scholarship Committee for the GCA as her position as the Zone V Horticulture Representative has ended.

Wendy Russell will be serving as GCA Coordinator of the Floral Design Workshops. This is a new GCA committee

Beverly Rowland has been elevated to GCA Judge emeritus

The Betsy Report:

Betsy will be reporting on information she believes to be useful to the membership:

University of DE Botanic Garden. will be selling plants again on Friday May 10th as a tornado warning curtailed the prior sale of plants.

Betsy will be reordering name tags for those name tags lost and for new members. Please let her know if you need a replacement.

Nominating Committee:

The Membership Committee reviews proposals for new members and passes on viable candidate to the Board for approval.

Beverly Rowland announced the make up of the Membership Committee for the coming year:

Current committee members completing their 2nd year commitment:
Mary Patterson (Chair) , Paige Draper and Katharine Maroney
Newly elected to the committee: Best Scott, Howie Scott, Betty Denham

Centennial Project:

Marion reported there has been very positive publicity about our Pink Pearl Project and shared the article from The Town Square Delaware on line magazine. Marion passed around a copy of the article and a thank you note from the President of the Kennett Pike Association.

Finance:

Eleanor presented a review of the budget reporting all dues has been collected and the budget is on target. The plant sales, pre-registration, pre-payment of workshops, and a conscious effort to keep lunch affordable have all helped to keep the budget on track.

Areas of improvement will be:

- To please respond as to whether you are staying for lunch following the meeting
- The 2019-2020 year club information will be handed out at the September meeting and delivered to those unable to attend.
- The club schedule for 2019-2020 will be available electronically in June so that you can put the dates of workshops and meetings on your calendar.

Guest Speaker:

Matt Rader from PHS gave an informative slide show presentation sharing the strategic visioning effort of PHS:

- “Increasing access to fresh food (Laying the groundwork for residents to grow food for themselves and their community)
- Creating healthier living environments (Building healthier, more sustainable, enjoyable living spaces for residents in the region)
- Building deeper social connections (Connecting people with one another and with their neighborhoods through the power of horticulture)
- Growing economic opportunity (Providing sustainable pathways to employment in the horticulture industry and supporting local businesses)”

Marion du Pont adjourned the meeting.

Respectfully Submitted,
Patsy Walls
Recording Secretary