



January 10, 2020

Ocean View Presbyterian Church

CALL TO ORDER: President, Lisa Arni

President Lisa Arni called the meeting to order and led the Pledge of Allegiance. She welcomed members and guests, including Oksana Hoey. Oksana is a member of Salt Air Gardeners and is serving as the chair of the Central Atlantic Region- State Garden Clubs (CAR-SGC) Conference which will be held in the fall at Dover Downs. (Mark the dates: October 18-20, 2020)

Maureen Eisenhart introduced our guests Sandra Erbe, Mary Thorn and Janet Thomas' mother, Alice.

PROGRAM: Origami with Signe Kleinot

Signe learned Origami from her mother. Signe's father was in the military and when he was assigned Japan and he proclaimed he would marry a young Japanese lady – and he did! Origami is the Japanese art of folding paper. Origami was started in China and brought to Japan in the 6th century. It is believed the first written instruction for Origami was not until mid-1700s. The term Origami comes from the Japanese words Oru – to fold, Kami – paper. Handmade paper was a luxury item, reserved for only a few, so paper folding was restricted to ceremonial purposes, often religious.

Signe brought many examples of her beautiful work. She created the traditional Origami crane as she spoke to introduce her program. Signe led our group in a workshop for each of us to create an Origami lily.

MINUTES: Recording Secretary, Alva Hutchison

Alva Hutchison reported that the minutes of the December meeting were distributed by email. Hearing no further additions or corrections, the minutes are filed as circulated and posted on our website.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Lisa has received notice from several committee chairs that they do not plan to continue in their leadership role. This is a time for the chairs to recruit their replacement, starting first from the current membership, perhaps identify chair and co-chair to share the leadership. Lisa reminded all that it is a requirement of membership to actively participate on at least one committee and this is the time to

decide which committees they wish to participate next term. It is through the small groups on a committee or carpooling together to a meeting that we get to know one another.

TREASURER, Carolyn Clipp

January starting balance \$10,459.84, including our interest bearing CD.

Ending balance: \$10,333.46

Expenses: \$205.38

Poinsettias used for raffle at Holiday luncheon, flowers for garden therapy and check supplies

Deposits \$79.00

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES

HOSPICE TREE, Brenda Wimperis

Brenda thanks everyone who participated on the Delaware Hospice Tree committee this year. There were 18 members on the committee and 12 decorated the 2 trees we placed at the Milford center. Brenda contacted Peggy Dolby concerning so few trees that were on display. Peggy responded that they also had trees in Dover for the Festival of Trees at Nobles Pond. Those trees were brought down to the Center for the Friday night event, making a total of 22 trees for both events. Peggy thanked our group for our continued support to their important fundraiser.

Brenda announced that she is unable to chair this committee next year, but she intends to participate on the committee and will consider hosting the workshops in her home.

HOSPITALITY – Sallie Melvin

Maryanne Green was the coordinator this month. The committee included Audrey Young, Janet Horgen, Bea Nelson, Pat Milstead and Marilyn Adams. Sandra Lopez and Maryanne Green did a very creative arrangement to highlight the work of GBTS and the Historian's scrapbooks. Maureen Eisenhart was at the Welcome Table.

Membership, Maureen Eisenhart

Maureen announced that we currently have 42 members, so we are still seeking additional members. She announced that this is the last year she will serve as membership chair and we will need a new chair.

WAYS AND MEANS, Karen Plis

Dine and Donate was last night, Thursday, January 9 at Northeast Seafood Restaurant in Ocean View. Karen reported that \$180 was raised from the 50/50 tickets. It will be several weeks before we know our revenue and receive the check from the restaurant. Thank you to all members who supported this event, including Jean Sewald who promotes our events to the large group of Salt Pond golfers.

HORTICULTURE – Flower Show Schedule, Judy Stuhl and Pat Drizd

Our horticulture specialty show The Language of Flowers will be held on Saturday, June 20th at Brandywine Assisted Living at Fenwick (Rt. 54 and Rt. 20 in Selbyville). The working draft of the schedule was distributed to membership prior to the meeting. Judy and Pat announced that the Chair positions are filled for the committees. They reviewed the schedule. Members were reminded that all plant

material must be in possession of the exhibitor for at least 90 days (by March 20) with a couple of exceptions listed in the schedule. Entries for the Show will be accepted on Friday afternoon, June 19th.

In addition to Horticulture, Alva Hutchison is the consultant for the Botanical Arts Division of three classes of artistic crafts: purse, shoe and broach. Susan Tracey is chairing the Education Division of two exhibits: Herbs and Floriography, the secret language of flowers in the Victorian Era.

Judy shared that the plant sale and raffle will be held on the first floor, the Flower Show will be on the 4th Floor. Presentations are planned as a fundraiser and will be held in the Music Room on the 2nd Floor.

Brandywine will provide a basket for our Raffle. Pat Milstead is chairing the raffle and encouraged members to consider putting together baskets for the raffle. Basket theme could be gardening, culinary, wine/entertaining. Let Pat know if you are able to provide a basket or items for a basket.

Our speaker at next month's meeting is Dottie Howatt and the program is titled "**Horticulture Heaven**". Dottie is the Delaware Federation State Chair for Flower Shows and she will share important information on our upcoming horticulture specialty flower show

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Budget Meeting with the Executive Board and Committee Chairs will be held at South Coastal Library on Wednesday, January 29, 2020, 10:30 to 2 PM. The Executive Board will meet from 10 – 10:30 am. Reminder, food is not allowed in the library, except bottled water. Please plan accordingly.

Current Committee Chairs are urged to plan and propose the budget for the committee and to attend or have a representative of each committee attend this important planning meeting.

ACTION: JANUARY 15 DEADLINE – Committee Chairs submit their budget request, plus a short paragraph of how the money will be spent to President Lisa Arni and Treasurer Carolyn Clipp.

Carolyn will provide the current budget and expenditures to date and the committees' proposed budgets by January 25th.

Nominating Committee – Kathy Lesperance, Karen Plis and Sallie Melvin will present the slate of officers in February and voted on at our March meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

Alva Hutchison

Recording Secretary