



GARDENERS BY THE SEA

March 8, 2019

Ocean View Presbyterian Church

Acting President Cherie Dorfman opened our meeting and welcomed all. Maureen Eisenhart announced that Gail Markiewicz is our newest member. Welcome to Gail. There were two guests attending this month's meeting. Roseanne Macedo is new to the area and expressed an interest in joining. Rosemarie Kistenmacher introduced an out-of-town friend who was visiting.

SECRETARY'S REPORT

Alva Hutchison reported that the minutes from the February meeting were distributed. Hearing no further additions or corrections, the minutes are filed and posted on our website.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Cherie announced that Brenda Kerber has resigned due to personal reasons. Kathy Lesperance, who served as treasurer in the past, graciously agreed to fulfill the treasurer duties at this time. Kathy reported that we had a balance of \$10,214.53 at the end of January and with expenses, we had a balance of \$8,349.30 at the end of February.

PROGRAM

Cherie introduced Cathy Schultz, owner of Bethany Florist, Ltd. Cathy is a graduate of the Baltimore Community College and has been in business, arranging flowers for 34 years. She currently provides both public and private lessons in the art of arranging flowers. Cathy demonstrated 3 different floral designs, sharing tips of the trade that we can apply to our arrangements. She shared information about the floral business, online businesses and local flower shops. Everyone thoroughly enjoyed the program. Following the meeting, Pat Milstead led a lively auction of the designs to benefit our Club. Sandra Lopez, Maureen Eisenhart and Pat Fulton bid the highest and were able to take home lovely arrangements! Thank you for your support!

PRESIDENT'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

DUES: Cherie reminded everyone that our dues are due in April: \$35 for members, \$45 for associate members. Kathy Lesperance will be collecting dues.

COMMITTEE SIGNUP: It is time to renew and sign up for committees for 2019-2020. The sign-up sheet was passed around.

WEBMASTER and YEARBOOK are two very important positions that need to be filled now.

HORTICULTURE MOMENT

Cherie brought in cuttings from her Winter Blooming Jasmine (*Jasminum nudiflorum*). It is a deciduous shrub that blooms small yellow flowers in late January- March before their leaves come out. The shrub doesn't get very tall (3-4 feet) but does spread. It makes a wonderful cutting to bring into our homes to enjoy in winter.

SPECIAL ELECTION

Maureen Eisenhart presented a proposed slate of officers to fill the remaining 1 year term of president, vice-president and treasurer.

President: Lisa Arni

Vice-President: Nancy Hoffman

Treasurer: Carolyn Clipp

Hearing no other nominations from the floor, the members accepted the slate and voted for these members as our officers. Alva will continue her term as secretary.

We sincerely thank Cherie for assuming the dual responsibilities of President and Vice-President!

WAYS AND MEANS

Kathy Lesperance reminded all that the Club is sponsoring a fund-raiser trip to Mt Cuba on Wednesday, May 1st. Invite friends to join us! Cost is \$65 for bus, admission and lunch.

Mount Cuba Road Trip - May 1, 2019; meet at Giant Food (38069 Town Center Drive, Millville, DE) at 8:00 AM, bus leaves at 8:15 AM; leave Mt Cuba at 3:30 to return to Giant Food.

Description - Come join us on one of the most breathtaking trips to Mount Cuba. Originally farmland, it has been transformed into a lush botanical garden featuring the region's most beautiful native plants and has been the home for conservation and preservation since 1930. Visit <https://mtcubacenter.org> for more information and breath-taking views and additional history.

Location - 3120 Barley Mill Road, Hockessin, DE 19707

Costs - \$65.00 per person

Other - Open to members and non-members; transportation is included; box lunch with one drink to be provided; pre-sign up and payment required.

PAYMENT DUE - APRIL 12, 2019 to Kathy Lesperance

HOSPITALITY

At our April meeting, Sallie Melvin will be circulating the sign-up sheet for hostesses for the coming year. She thanked Carol Bishop for coordinating lunch for this meeting and the festive St Patrick's Day decorations. Hostesses were Alva Hutchison, Carolyn Clipp, Maggie Baker, Connie Ryan and Cherie Dorfman.

The meeting was adjourned and Pat Milstead led the auction of the lovely floral designs.

Respectfully submitted,

Alva Hutchison

Secretary