

**Lakemoor Hills Garden Club**  
Thursday, September 13, 2021  
10:00 am  
Lake Hills Presbyterian Church

**Attendees:**

Kristin Bianconi, Jean Bonarek, guest of Sharon Gerkin, Suzan Bowman, John Bradley, Tanya Copeland, Sharon W. Gerkin, Ann Graf, Samantha Edwards Lacy and Holli Rogers

**Holli Rogers called the Meeting to order.**

**Devotional by Kristin:**

Kristin is going to her mom's, who is 82, to help with her mom's beloved "garden burden." A burden shared is a burden halved. We are meant to share each other's burdens, as quoted from Galatians: "Bear one another's burdens, and so fulfill the law of Christ." Life is meant to be shared. As we garden, a burden can be shared, strengthening our community.

**Program:**

"How to Start a Garden at an Elementary School" was presented by Dianne Forry, a member of the Chapman Highway Garden Club. In partnership with the Girl's and Boy's Club, supported by the Knox County Community School Coalition and other volunteers, Ms. Forry developed a program called "It's All About Learning" for children from Kindergarten age through 5<sup>th</sup> grade. It is a weekly opportunity for young people to learn about and enjoy nature. The following are some of the activities the children have experienced:

Raised Beds: amending soil, seed starting and watering, raking, harvesting, gutter gardening for herbs, straw bale gardening, how to use flowers to attract beneficial insects.

Butterfly Gardening.

Container Gardening: Strawberry Pyramid.

Learned about staking, making bamboo trellising.

Sponsor the Smoky Bear/Woodsey Owl Contest: Children create posters teaching them about forestry. Resource is the TN Forestry Division.

Making cards with pressed flowers for parents and nursing homes on rainy days.

Focus on helping children use all of their senses. Make dirt pudding and apple rings for birds.

Dig potatoes and pull carrots are a favorite activity. Learning how to water correctly.

Lasagna Bed: Thick layer of newspaper, layered leaves, compost, soil, lime can grow potatoes, garlic, peas and pumpkins.

Children can care for different areas of landscape around the school.

Ms. Forry inspired all of us with her gardening expertise, love of children and her volunteer spirit.

**Business Meeting:**

**Old Business:**

John Bradley announced that the Lake Hills HOA has agreed to form a task force to address the Ivy/Kudzu concerns in response to the Garden Club's recommendation. In addition, John Bradley and Kathy Proctor have created a beautiful trifold brochure entitled "Guide to Identification & Management of Invasive Vines in Lakemoor Hills" as a service to the residents of Lakemoor Hills by the Lakemoor Hills Garden Club. It is primarily for those residents who do not have a computer or use technology. There are 100 copies available for distribution.

**Secretary's Report:**

Minutes from the August meeting were sent out online, corrected and resent. Motion made and minutes were accepted as corrected. Sharon Gerkin, Secretary.

**Treasurer's Report:****Balance in checking account on June 30, 2021 – July 30, 2021: \$17,319.10**

Deposit: \$50.00 : Membership dues from Moira Hutchins-Fuhr.

Checks paid:

#1499 to Kristin Bianconi for \$96.98. Expenses for Legacy Park and Gardens (Amazon, garden hose quick connect, Stanley's perennials, Ace Hardware Veronica and Mayo's Monardo).

#1498 to Fran Thomforde for \$46.62 for Program books. Card stock for cover and envelopes to mail the booklets to members.

#1497 to Kathy Proctor for \$100.00 for speaker honorarium gift certificates from Stanley's for future program speakers.

**Balance in checking account on August 30 - \$17,125.50**

No deposits.

Checks paid:

#1501 to Kathy Proctor for \$139.19 for the printing of 100 Invasive Brochures for homeowners in Lakemoor Hills.

**Balance in checking account on September 22 - \$16, 986.31.**

Submitted by Suzan Bowman 2021 Treasurer.

**Legacy Park:**

John Bradley and Kristin Bianconi: Announcement and Requests:

1. Asked that gardeners look in their yards/gardens for perennials to contribute to Legacy Park.
2. Help is needed in the Park with perennial maintenance.
3. The Planting Plan Subcommittee has made or is making a recommendation to the "Park Committee" to add a fence at the "gathering place," topsoil, boulders and plantings or shrubs to give height to the entrance area. The cost has not yet been investigated.

**French Fiet, October 7, 2021:**

Samantha Edwards Lacy reported that 46 have responded and reservations are needed by 09/29.

Nancy Kendrick, By the Tracks Catering, will be preparing a sit down dinner with a French Country theme. Seating, etc. will be planned according to COVID recommendations.

**Pecan Sale:**

Suzan Bowman reported that the sale is going well. There will be ONE order on October 29, 2021 so time is of the essence to get in your orders. Pecans can be picked up at the November 16 Lakemoor Hills HOA Meeting.

**Dogwood Trail Plans, discussion and information:**

Ann Graf, Chair, announced that the city will complete the landscaping of the roundabouts in approximately two weeks. The Dogwood Trail committee plans on placing several hundred pink tulips in the roundabouts and will need help from many volunteers. The committee is also asking that the residents that live on the Dogwood Trail purchase (at cost) a bag of 8-10 bulbs from the committee (\$5.00 approx) to plant at or near their "spruced up" mailboxes to create a trail of pink beauty. Residents on the trail are asked to contact Ann Graf for the bulbs. There is more information on the Website.

**Motion** made by Suzan Bowman to purchase Pink Impressions Tulips from Stanley's for the Roundabouts and for some residents' mailboxes on the dogwood trail for \$1000.00.

Seconded and passed.

**Introductions:**

Welcome to new member, Samantha Edwards Lacy and guest to the meeting, Jean Bonarek!

**Meeting Adjourned by President Holli Rogers**

Submitted by Sharon W. Gerkin, Recording Secretary