

Lakemoor Hills Garden Club
Business Meeting
November 17, 2022

Call to Order- The meeting was called to order by John Bradley, President.

Devotional- A touching devotional was provided by Kristin Bianconi.

Attendees- Kathy Proctor, Suzan Bowman, Kim Overman, Ann Graf, Gina Bond, Debbie Al-Aseer, Sally Boyington, Fran Thomforde, Sue Humble, Linda Haynes, Kristin Bianconi, Jean Bonarek, John Bradley, Barbara Taylor, Sharon Gerkin, Tanya Copeland

Corresponding Secretary Report- A card of condolence was sent to Kristin Bianconi upon the loss of her mother.

Recording Secretary Report- September meeting minutes were circulated to membership in advance of the November 17 meeting. Sharon Gerkin moved they be accepted; this motion was seconded and approved.

Treasurer's Report- The report was emailed to John Bradley, who read it to the membership. A motion was made for acceptance of this report; this motion as seconded and approved.

Standing Committee Reports-

Social- Tanya Copeland reported that 60 brave members and plus ones attended the Fall Social at the Copeland's gardens and farm, meeting the Scottish Highlands cattle and enjoying the company and lovely food. Great appreciation to Tanya and Buz for hosting, Samantha Edwards-Lacy for organizing, Holli Rogers for producing the flowers, and Gloria Lewis for providing gas heaters.

Our upcoming holiday gathering will be at the home of Sharon Gerkin on December 15th. Dawn Thomas is required to travel for work, preventing her from hosting as originally planned. Committee Chair Tanya Copeland and Cindy Connor-Coughlin will assist Sharon in the coordination of this festive gathering. Members were reminded to bring an inexpensive wrapped Santa gift for the exchange. Sign-up for side dishes, desserts and beverages will be requested around December 1.

Fundraising- Sue Humble, Chair

Suzan Bowman announced that *Pecans* would be arriving at her home today. Fewer packages were pre-ordered and we have a different vendor and higher acquisition price this year, thus less profit will be forthcoming for the club than was projected in the budget.

Dogwood Bows: Fran Thomforde noted that she has acquired samples of ribbon and is exposing samples to weather before deciding which to purchase for making the bows.

Holiday Mailbox Topper Project: Tanya noted that there are 2 work days for members to assist in making the swags and toppers: bring all materials to her home prior to November 27, when the Day 1 group will prep what is available. Please let Tanya know if you can help that day.

Evergreens should be processed into 16" lengths. We want Southern magnolia branches, Yew,

Cypress, Juniper, Spruce, Pine, and Danae for foliage. Mahonia or Nandina *foliage* do not hold up well and holly is too prickly.

Dried hydrangea flowers, holly and nandina berry clusters, and wired pine cones will also be gratefully accepted.

On the 29th at 10 am (Day 2), the group will gather for assembly of toppers and swags.

Refreshments will be served and Christmas music will enhance our enthusiasm as we work.

Projects- Kathy Proctor reported that *Legacy Park* has been put to rest for the winter. The dying walnut tree was removed by the Knox County Public Works, and she thanked Kristin Bianconi for managing that.

Howard's Corner is similarly in maintenance mode for the season.

Upper Bluff Point iron bird will receive a new winter coat of red to represent our winter cardinals.

Roundabouts: All three are in generally good condition, the healthiest being the West Maloney site, which will provide fountain grass divisions for the other two circles. The others, particularly Montlake, have poorer soil and will receive fountain grass transplants in the early spring.

Periodic weeding is needed at all circles. Edging will be installed at the west Maloney circle during the winter/early spring. The details of the edging project are pending.

Kathy also announced that the LHHA Beautification Committee is taking responsibility for maintaining the landscaping at the new Lakemoor Hills marble entry sign on Montlake Drive.

Communications: Linda Haynes reported that the Garden Club Facebook page will become for members only to post and view. This decision is documented in the Board-approved Social Media Guidelines (16Sep2022) which are posted on the Garden Club webpages. The message to ineligible persons must implemented by the Facebook administrators.

Civics: *Fantasy of Trees:* Linda Haynes reported on our contribution of a decorated tree for the fundraiser for East Tennessee Childrens' Hospital. The garden theme of our 4 1/2 ft. tree will include bees, butterflies, dragonflies, birds, and flowers (baby's breath).

Pave It Forward: Sharon Gerkin asked that we make a \$3000 donation to Lake Hills Presbyterian Church's *Pave It Forward Project* to replace the walking path. This path has had 40 years of continuous use, is open to the entire Lakemoor Hills community, and is well used by so many who do not attend the church. Kim Overman moved that we make this contribution and Fran Thomforde seconded. The vote for approval was unanimous.

Other Civics: It was noted that our approved budget includes contributions to the following: Racheff Gardens, UT Garden, Knoxville Botanical Garden and Dogwood Arts.

Dogwood Arts: We will be asked to designate a Dogwood Yard of the Month. It was suggested that Randy Kerns might head this.

Walk-In Business: None brought forward.

Meeting Adjourned: Linda Haynes moved for adjournment and Suzan Bowman seconded. John Bradley called the meeting adjourned.

Program: "Tennessee Smart Yards" presented by Mohan Yethiraj from the Master Gardeners program.

Barbara Taylor, Recording Secretary