

**Lakemoor Hills Garden Club  
Business Meeting  
Lakemoor Presbyterian Church  
February 15, 2024**

**Attendees: Leslie Bazzoon, Kristin Bianconi, Gina Bond, Sally Boyington, John Bradley, Rosemary Burr, Tanya Copeland, Carol Gray, Linda Haynes, Cindy McLaughlin, Kim Overman, Kathy Proctor, Holli Rogers, Liz Sifre, Jennie Sullivan, Barbara Taylor, Fran Thomforde**

**The meeting was called to order by President John Bradley.**

**A Devotion was offered by Kristin Bianconi.**

**Recording Secretary: The minutes of the January 2024 meeting were approved by the assembled.**

**Corresponding Secretary: It was announced that Long-time member Rita Powers is in Hospice care.**

**Treasurer: John presented the data from the most recent bank statement as the Treasurer's report. Collection of \$50 annual dues for 2024/5 was initiated at this meeting, and all dues are asked to be received by Dawn Thomas (3301 Timberlake Rd. Knoxville TN 37920) by March 15.**

**Projects Reports:**

**1) Legacy Park: John announced that the water feature has been installed and awaits consistent**

**temperatures over freezing to be placed in operation.**

**Legacy Park Clean-up will be March 16 with a “rain date” on the following Saturday, March 23.**

- 2) Neighborhood Clean-Up: The date is March 23. John announced that those on the Dogwood Trail should have their brush out on the route by 2/26 for pick-up.**
- 3) Roundabouts: Target date for clean-up is March 2. Ornamental Fountain Grass will be planted in the centers of the roundabouts on April 13. The surrounding plantings will be repeats from last year (catmint and lirioppe) that worked well through the season. Costs of the replacement ornamental grasses will be covered by a grant from the Lakemoor Hills Resource Council. The grasses were ordered and paid for via the Lakemoor Hills Homeowners' Association.**
- 4) Civics: (Sharon Gerkin, chair). The Deep South Garden Clubs (DSGC) Convention is this spring. We are making pinecone bird feeders as gifts to attendees. Kathy Proctor announced that assembly will take place on Thursday, March 14 at 10 AM. Weather permitting we will assemble on Gina Bond's driveway; otherwise under the Pavilion at Lakemoor Hills Presbyterian Church. A motion was also made to purchase a one-page advertisement in the DSGC program book for a \$100 donation. The advertisement was designed by Kara Hudgens and features a Devotion by Kristin Bianconi. The motion passed. Rosemary Burr is the point person for a decorated basket to be auctioned at the DSGC Convention.**

**Proceeds go to DSGC to defray Convention expenses.**

**Racheff Gardens:** It was noted that there is much trimming and clean-up needed at the Racheff Gardens at 1943 Tennessee Ave. This is a “featured garden” for the 2024 Dogwood Trail. There is a plan to renovate the Children’s Garden there as well. Gina Bond is our point person at Racheff. The Knox County Master Gardeners are working at Racheff on the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Wednesdays of each month starting at 9 AM.

**Nominations Committee:**

***Elections* will be at March club meeting and *Installation* to follow at the April meeting.**

**The following slate of officers was offered:**

**President: Kim Overman**

**Advisor: Past President John Bradley**

**President-Elect: Jennie Sullivan**

**Treasurer: Leslie Bazzoon**

**Recording Secretary: Jean Bonarek**

**Corresponding Secretary: Barbara Taylor**

**In addition, the Standing Committee Chairs were announced:**

**Projects: Kathy Proctor**

**Programs: Jennie Sullivan**

**Social: Cindy McLaughlin**

**Civics: Sharon Gerkin**

**Fundraising: Suzan Bowman**

**Communications: Linda Haynes**

**Nominations: Fran Thomforde (pending election by the new Board)**

**Other positions appointed by the new President:  
Dogwood Arts Liaison: Gina Bond  
Resource Council Liaison: Kristin Bianconi  
Chaplain: Kristin Bianconi**

**Other Business:**

**1) Maloney South Wildflower Area: John reported that Buz Copeland and his equipment will be working to prepare the area for planting on April 13. It was noted that planting by the City/County was too late last year.**

**Knox Seed recommended that annual rye grass seed be mixed with the wildflower seeds before spreading. Wildflower seeds are in John's freezer (as recommended by Knox Seed). It is estimated that 50 pounds of annual rye seed will be required to cover this approximately one-half acre plot.**

**A motion made to allocate \$70 for purchase of the annual rye seed by Linda Haynes and seconded by Gina Bond was passed by the assembled members. John will purchase said seed.**

**Kathy Proctor offered to collect helpers for the spreading and asked members to let her know if they might help out.**

**Sally Boyington asked whether this will be an annual project. John responded that the club planting actions are not to be considered as an on-going commitment.**

**No additional new business was forthcoming and the meeting was adjourned by motion and vote of assembled.**

**Next Meeting will be March 21st.**

**Program:**

**Promoting Pollinators was presented by Gina Bond, member and beekeeper. It was engaging and very well received by the assembled.**