

**Lakemoor Hills Garden Club Meeting**  
**Lakemoor Legacy Park and Garden**  
Thursday, April 18, 2024

The meeting was **Called to Order** by President John Bradley at 10:10 am.

A **Devotion** was offered by Kristen Bianconi “moles and new trials”- *God makes Things Grow*.

**Attendees:** Kristin Bianconi, Gina Bond, Suzan Bowman, John Bradley, Rosemary Burr, Sharon Gerkin, Linda Haynes, Sue Humble, Cindy McLaughlin, Kim Overman, Holly Patterson, Holli Rogers, Liz Sifri, Jennifer Terry, and Fran Thomforde.

**Review/Approval of previous minutes:** A motion was made by Linda to approve and seconded by Sharon. Minutes were approved.

**Treasurer’s Report** was given by John Bradley. Motion to approve the report was made by Kim and seconded by Sue. Treasurer’s Report was approved.

### **Standing Committee Reports**

#### Projects

John reported for Kathy Proctor:

Wildflower planting area was planted.

The three Alcoa roundabouts center sections were also planted with fountain grass.

Work sessions are forthcoming, particularly to organize the Lakemoor Legacy Park and Gardens Working Group (LLPG WG).

Fran Thomforde made a motion to establish an ad hoc sub-group of the LLPG WG to discuss the development and recommendation to the club for a new permanent sign for LLPG. Fran will donate the money in memory of recently departed Helen Akard. John said he has the Orchid Award sign given to our club in 2023 by Keep Knoxville Beautiful. He amended the motion to include the Orchid sign with the new LLPG sign placement. Kim seconded the motion and it passed. John will circulate a mock-up of what the sign might look like. The supporting frame might be made by David Bianconi with support for the materials costs.

#### Programs

The rest of the programs for this year were listed in the March minutes. This Saturday, April 20 at 10:00 AM, the club will take a tour of the Fred and Sandra Anderson property in south Knoxville. The meeting point is the Sevier Heights Church parking lot. Anyone is welcome to attend as this is a Dogwood Arts Open Garden. John indicated that a \$5.00 per person donation is expected and Linda suggested that we make a donation from the club in lieu of individual contributions. This recommendation was accepted and Kim will make the donation on behalf of the garden club members and will be reimbursed.

### Fundraising

Sue and Fran indicated that the dogwood bows raised \$421.00. Fran indicated that she has enough ribbon for bows for next year. She was pleased with how the ribbon is holding up and not fading.

### Civics

Sharon said that donations have been sent to the organizations specified in our 2023-4 budget: UT Gardens, Knoxville Botanical Gardens, Racheff House and Arboretum, and Fantasy of Trees. In addition, \$100 given to both Stewart Asbury and Mark Gately in recognition of their maintenance of the upper Bluff Point median, and a \$200 donation went to the Lake Hills Presbyterian Church as thanks for use of their facilities.

There was a discussion about helping the Church with landscape development and maintenance but it was concluded that the impetus and request for assistance must originate with the Lake Hills parishioners.

Upcoming local plant sales include:

Talahi Garden April 20

Racheff House and Arboretum April 27

Knoxville Botanical Garden May 4

Awards were given at the Deep South and TFGC recent meetings. Our club won 1<sup>st</sup> place award with Chapman Highway Club for the Landscape Design Project at the South Knoxville Senior Center. We received a \$50 check with that award. This project was also awarded by the Deep South Garden Clubs.

Also at the TFGC meeting, our club was presented with the 2023 Club of Excellence Award. Congratulations to all, but especially John for his personal work and leadership over the last two years.

### New Business

John expressed appreciation to outgoing officers and presented each with a lovely Rhodea japonica plant from his garden. He presented beautiful Arum italicum plants from his garden to the Committee Chairs in appreciation for their work.

The new officers were recognized:

Kim Overman- President

Jennie Sullivan- President Elect

Jean Bonarek- Recording Secretary

Leslie Bazzoon- Treasurer

Barbara Taylor- Corresponding Secretary

John Bradley- Advisor

John indicated that the following persons have agreed to be Standing Committee Chairs:

Kathy Proctor- Projects  
Jennie Sullivan- Programs  
Sharon Gerkin- Civics  
Suzan Bowman- Fundraising  
Cindy McLaughlin- Social  
Linda Haynes- Communications  
Fran Thomforde- Nominations (after election by the new Board)

John turned the meeting over to the new President Kim Overman.

Kim said the next meeting will be on Thursday May 16 and we will travel to Townsend to see the Research Center and have a guided tour by Janie Bitner, Director of TFGC Division IV. We will meet at the church at 10:00 am. Kathy Proctor will be sending out information for attendees.

Kim tentatively set May 9 (10:00 am) for an Executive Committee Meeting to discuss the budget for 2024-5. Location TBD.

Question was asked about the purpose for our 3 fund raisers and how much money we should carry forward in our garden club bank account. It was pointed out that we can spend down our funds to a desired level, eg by taking on projects, making more/larger donations, and that last year's budget was intended to have a deficit.

It was also clarified that to get a tax-deductible donation to the Garden Club donor need to contribute through the Lakemoor Hills Resource Council (LHRC) and note that the donation is for the Garden Club. Kristin (our LHRC liaison) reported that the LHRC has decided to include "Maintenance" expenses as suitable expenses for Resource Council support.

A discussion about Club Scrapbooks and potential archiving of club records wrapped up the meeting. This topic is appropriate for further discussion and proposals by the Communications committee.

### **Adjournment**

The meeting adjourned at 11:25 am.

*Minutes taken by Suzan Bowman for Barbara Taylor, Secretary*