Garden Club meeting , September 2, 2020

Location: Adler park pavilion, outside, practicing social distancing and wearing masks during coronavirus pandemic.

Members in attendance: 21 active and three associates, no guests

The meeting was brought to order and chaired by President Julie Eberspacher at 11:05 AM

Remarks from our president:

      Thank you to everyone who sent in pictures to be posted on our website for our virtual flower show. There are some beautiful and creative arrangements. And it’s not too late to send in a picture. Just email ,text or mail a picture to Ann Baker and she will post it on our website.

       Plant a tree project for Illinois garden clubs.

From now until spring 2021 the goal is to plant 6000 trees. If you plant a tree please let Julie know. She’ll need to know WHAT, WHEN and WHERE the tree was planted. Native trees are encouraged. A great place to buy native trees and plants is Possibility Place Nursery in Monee, Illinois. This is the link to their website:  <https://g.co/kgs/8Wwjum>

Check it out and plant a tree!

      Perennial plant exchange:

Julie will be hosting this event in her driveway on Wednesday, September 30 from 10 until noon. If you have perennials you’d like to share please bring them on Wednesday morning. If you bring 2 you can take home 2. If you bring five you can take five home.  It's a fun way to share some of your favorite perennials and enjoy some new ones from someone else’s yard!

       Grand Garden Proven Winners 8th annual show.

Julie and her husband recently attended the 2020 proven winners show in Mackinac Island , Michigan at the Grand Hotel. Although the speakers were virtual it was still a wonderful and worthwhile event. Julie passed out pictures of the 2021 Proven Winners.

Vice president report by Ann Baker:

    Current membership is at 26 active and eight associates. Our club is on the lookout for more members ,however, with the coronavirus restrictions we are not allowing guests at our meetings.

Hopefully this will end next year and we will be able to open our meetings again. In the meantime keep in mind any of your friends or neighbors who may be interested in joining our wonderful club.

       Our website has the virtual flower show. The password is in your garden club book. Also on the website is access to the state and national garden newsletters etc . Members may be interested in checking those out too. And the minutes from past meetings are posted there as well.  Our website is amazing!  Please check it out!

Programs report by Mary Gay and Peg:

     Programs have been on hold. Coming  up in October is the installation of our new officers. We are trying to find a venue. Outside would be best but the weather is a consideration. We may be having a virtual swearing in ceremony.

We’ll let everyone know what the board decides.

Treasurers report by Sally Steele:

      We are not spending any money so the account balances remain the same. We have $5032 in money market,  $11,669 in checking, for a total of $16,711.83.

Civic report by Carol:

     Plantings are being maintained and watered.

Conservation report by an Anne :

       The food bank is still taking paper bags and donations at their location at Township Hall 359 Merrill Court. It’s a good way to recycle your paper bags.

Best Buy and Staples will recycle electronics. Target also is recycling. Below are the links for the retail stores for anyone interested in recycling.

<https://www.staples.com/sbd/cre/marketing/sustainability-center/recycling-services/electronics/>

<https://www.bestbuy.com/site/services/recycling/pcmcat149900050025.c?id=pcmcat149900050025>

<https://help.target.com/help/subcategoryarticle?childcat=State+recycling+policies&parentcat=Compliance>

This is GROOT’s link who does our curbside pickup and answers Donna’s question about putting paper in plastic bags.  The answer is no. Papers may be placed in paper bags, not plastic.

[https://www.groot.com/what-to-recycl](https://www.groot.com/what-to-recycle)e

 Horticulture report by Donna.

       Fall is the time to plant Peonies, Hydrangeas and native Hibiscus.

Voting followed for the slate of new officers for 2021:

       President  -  Ann Baker

        Vice President -  Sally Steele

        Treasurer  -  Rise' Barkhoff

The motion to accept the nominations was made by Gay Fosberg, and seconded by Anne Stranberg. Motion approved.

Immediately following was an unanimous vote by the members present to accept the new officers. Installation will take place in October,

( somewhere, somehow. )

Jennifer reported on Scholarships:

     There are two scholarships available this year for students in the horticultural program at CLC . The process is just starting. More later.

Update on Washington Garden school project. Anne S. is keeping in touch with Sandy Nelson and will let us know if and when we may be able to plan

anything at the school involving the children.

A motion was made to adjourn the meeting by Mary Gay Kay and seconded  by Ann Baker. The meeting adjourned at 11:50 am.

Following the meeting we had a lovely presentation on "Dahlias - Living Fireworks"  by Carol Cichorski and her husband Mike. They are ardent Dahlia

growers and plant tubers in their basement. Each year they grow and exhibit several hundred plants! Outstanding program!

Respectfully submitted,

Annie Cochran