Minutes of the Town and Country Garden Club Meeting of July 10,2019

Location: Home of President Julie Eberspacher Libertyville, Il

Program: Field trip to CLC Horticulture Facilities Rory Click Chairman and full time faculty member of CLC Horticulture Department.

Hostess for breakfast Julie Eberspacher. Co-hostesses: Nancy Bloomer, Laura Levert and Patrice Rehm

A delicious breakfast was provided by hostess and co-hostesses followed by the business meeting.

**Business Meeting** President Julie Eberspacher began the meeting at 9:48 “Thank Yous” were extended to co-hostesses of today’s meeting as well as all the members who volunteered at the Garden Walk and the members who purchased tickets.

**Treasurer’s Report:** Sally reported $5,029.51 in money market account; $9,970.43 in checking account Total $ 14, 946.94. Garden Walk information expenditures and earnings will be reported by Mary Gay Kay at the August Meeting.

**Membership:** 19 active members were in attendance at the meeting of July 18th. two associate members and one guest of Joyce Geib Maureen McDonald.

**Programs:**  Paula presented information on our guest speaker for the November Meeting by showing a video clip from WTTW of May 16, 2019 and again on July 1, 2019 ( news.wttw.com “Culture Where and When to See the Best Chicago-Area Wildflowers” by Jay Shefsky) where Mike MacDonald was featured on two occasions on their news broadcast at 7 pm. For those not present see the link above or search on you tube) Tickets for the November 6 fundraiser/luncheon event at White Deer Run went on sale at our meeting and will continue to be on sale at ongoing meetings.( via check) Members and the public can buy tickets on line using credit card starting August 1, 2019. The venue limits the ticket sales to 100, and are being sold first come, first served. Ticket price is $50 for a full day of activities: including artisan market shopping, breakfast items sold by Taste of Paris, a presentation by Mike MacDonald, book signing, raffle baskets and luncheon. Mike MacDonald’s book “ My Journey into the Wilds of Chicago” is on sale now at our club meetings for $81 of which each book sold $15 goes to the club. Pre sold books can be picked up at the November event. ( saving $10 shipping cost) Mike has a website Chicago Nature Now if you care to gain more insight into his work and ongoing photographic locations he photographs.

**Programs Part 2**  Anne presented information on our up and coming August 7, 2019 meeting. **Breakfast meeting 9 am at the home of Gay Fosberg**  1570 Rudd Ct. Libertyville, IL **followed by the business meeting and an 11 am field trip to Lake Bluff** touring the gardens of a residence on the bluff of Lake Michigan. Anne will be sending out more details. A luncheon, at members expense will follow the tour.. Please RSVP your attendance to Gay ( 847-814-9370) and Anne Stranberg (847-363-7351)

**Sunshine:** Happily no report

**Civic:** Laura reported she has the stakes for the Garden plantings and will distribute them to the locations. From the lens of a conservationist Laura reported Rockland School sent a “thank You” for the money for books. This year they purchased a book on perennials and another book on Cooking with herbs. Last year their purchase was a book on succulents. If you want to remove junk mail from your e-mail account. New York Times had an article in their March 8, 2018 issue on how to do that. Summer is in full swing so lower shades on south side of home and plant trees. Arbor Day foundation does hand out free trees. Go to their website for more information Think about fall planting season.

**Publicity** Peg shared an article in the Daily Herald issue of June 25 page 3 that featured the Garden Walk this year. President Julie thanked Peg for her work with Justin ( CLC student) as he created a video featuring Joyce, Jim a resident in Libertyville and his garden on this year’s garden walk. . ( a not known fact Lizz V should be accredited having coined “Hidden Gems”)

**Horticulture** Donna reported that now is time to divide iris late July, mid summer, separate rhizomes.

**Stamps**  Marlene had information available that details the bird banding which benefits from stamps that organizations collect. Please remember to turn in your stamps at our next meeting.

**Garden Walk** Mary Gay will be giving a full report on the Garden Walk of 2019 at our next meeting

**Next meeting is at Gay Fosberg House 1570 Rudd Ct. Libertyville 9 am breakfast followed by meeting followed by field trip to Lake Bluff Garden. Please RSVP**

Andrea mentioned if members are interested she and Donna have been walking at Independence Grove Tuesday and Thursday mornings. Join them if available 8-9 am.

Our business meeting was adjourned at 10:51 and members proceeded to CLC College of Lake County for a delightful presentation by Rory Click chairman and full time professor of Horticulture. Rory gave members a delightful talk on her background and a slide presentation on “Great Perennials for the Sustainable Garden” ( at this time members should have gotten via e-mail of this presentation in color from Paula via e-mail ) The greenhouses were empty but we met Rory’s assistant and some of the summer interns as they were working on the garden. Thirteen members proceeded on to Taste of Paris for a delightful lunch.

Respectfully submitted by

Jennifer Rielly (Secretary)