Minutes of Town and Country Garden Club. May 4, 2022.

The May 4 meeting of the Garden Club was called to order by President Ann Baker after members had gathered. Ann suggested that we arrive at meetings in time to begin at 11:00. She introduced us to the SUN, as we had been experiencing so much rain!

Ann thanked Joyce Geib, our hostess and her co-hostesses, Sally Steele, Pam Hume, and Mary Price. (there was a correction to the April meeting as Rise’ Barkhoff was co-hostess instead of Mary Price)

Ann thanked Jen Beringhoff, our speaker, for coming to present her program, HABITAT GUIDE TO BIRDING.

Members were encouraged to relate experiences they shared with Chris Magiera, who recently passed away. Her family designated Garden Club as a recipient of her memorial gifts. She was a dearly beloved member and then associate member.

Sally Steele, 1st VP, reported that we have 25 active members and 9 associate members. Linda Bousson has resigned. New membership lists were provided to those who did not receive them at the last meeting.

Rise’ Barkhoff, Treasurer, informed us that the treasury is at $17,000 and ample enough to offer a second scholarship of $1,000, as a one time event. She moved, Anne Stranberg seconded and the motion carried.

Norma Seymour, Secretary, read a thank you from Copeland Manor School, sent to Anne, Stranberg, thanking our Club for books on plants and gardening, encouraging students to love nature. Ann Baker received thanks for the article she submitted to Garden Glories.

Anne Sandberg, Civic, reported that plantings are now under way. She reported that Lambs Farm has a greenhouse open.

Annie Cochran, Programs, reported that our meeting next month will be a Field Trip to the Botanic Garden to tour the Japanese Garden. We meet at 9:00 A.M. at Mary Gay Kay’s home at 9:00 A.M. before leaving for the Garden. Details will be forthcoming. The tour is 1 hour long and there may possibly lunch plans following.

Peg Samuelson, Publicity, reported she is informing other clubs about our Garden Walk and contacting newspapers as well.

Marlene Elkins, Horticulture, advised us that if grass is mowed “long” (21/2 -3 “) it cuts sunlight so weeds won’t grow as well. Don’t bag grass, it provides nitrogen so you won’t have to add later. (save on cost of fertilizer.)

Paula Lubenow provided a list of upcoming plant sales in our area and will send this out to members.

Plant sales mentioned included those selling Certified organic plants (Liberty Prairie Foundation)

and native plants (Lake County Forest Preserves). She also

mentioned a canned goods for plants event sponsored by Achaia Greens (Libertyville vertical farm)

to benefit St. Joe's food pantry.  See attached list of plant sales.

Libertyville was named a Tree City USA, a program sponsored by the Arbor Day Foundation

in partnership with the National Association of State Foresters.  Libertyville is also applying to be a Bird

City. Paula mentioned an upcoming Butterfly Garden Event that is free and open to the public and is

sponsored by  the Gardeners of Central Lake County (on May 9th).

Paula discussed trying Earth Breeze Laundry Detergent Eco sheets, which end up costing about 29 cents

per load versus about 25 cents per load for Tide liquid. It isn't much more expensive than liquid detergent,

and the product cleans well and reduces the amount of plastic from liquid containers.

Earth Breeze is made in the US (in Oregon)  by a green company.  They can be ordered on Amazon.

Laura Levert, Scholarship, expressed thanks for the approval of a second scholarship for this year. We have two qualified applicants. Allison Benson, will be going to Colorado School of Mines and is thankful for the award to help her with expenses. She may visit us sometime when she is in town. Our other recipient is a repeat from last year, Jack Nicholson, he will again receive a scholarship, as he is at Auburn, aspiring for a Masters, working on Japanese Gardens. Laura will be happy to inform him.

Gay Fosberg, Sunshine, reported that she sent a sympathy card to the family of Chris Magiera and she recognized Margie as having a May birthday.

GARDEN WALK –Rise’ reminded everyone to be sure and sign up to help, a Garden Club responsibility. She also reported:

Farmer’s Market—all confirmed for 3 days!

Posters—Sue Hazelwood is in charge.

Possible sponsor??--- Mariani Architects

Possible Booth for Buckthorn??

T-Cup Gardens, or mugs—Rise’ may set up a day to bring cups and plant the miniature gardens.

Rise’ and Ann may provide ‘Dish Gardens’ to win by buying raffle tickets.

Ann is working on the device so, as members ,we may be able to use our charge cards.

Ann Baker reviewed some changes and some tweaking of the wording of our Constitution and ByLaws. All are encouraged to read and become familiar with the precepts.

Jennifer Rielly introduced Jen Berlinghoff from Lake County Forest Preserve, who gave a slide presentation of what birds and which habitats in Lake County we may find them. It was very well received.

Secretary, Norma Seymour