**Minutes of the Town and Country Garden Club of Libertyville for August 7, 2019**

Hostess: Gay Fosberg Co hostesses: Annie Cochran, Mary Gay Kay, Nancy Kreuser, and Lizz Verbeten

Present were 25 active members and 5 associate members. No guests were present.

**President:** After a delicious breakfast President Julie Eberspacher began the business meeting at 9:48am. Julie thanked the hostess and co-hostesses

**1st Vice President’s Report:** Ann reported that membership is the same at 28 active members and 10 associate members. No guests were present but there are two guests that are anticipating coming to our September meeting at Anne Baker’s house, Sept. 4th. at 11 am.

**Program Report:**  by Anne and Paula. Anne explained the program for today in detail along with a map for directions. After the business meeting members will proceed to Lake Bluff meeting on the corner of just west of Simpson and Scranton to view two gardens. Summary of the event: We gathered in the front lawn of the Ritters The first garden had a train running through the west section of the property. Then we met in the garden of Patsy and David Ritter for a tour and discussion as well as a box lunch; that members pre ordered. The historical house was modified over the years by the owner; most importantly raising a section of the roof to be able to have an art studio with 15 feet ceiling. Patsy shared with the group some of her water colors as they graced her garden. .( A bonus garden, the third, was first viewed on the corner of Simpson and Scranton owned by John Crotty. The highlight was a Dawn Redwood that was in his front yard along with glorious perennials. Having purchased a neighboring house; tearing it down and planted a garden. ((Thank you Anne for a fabulous outing the preparation and dedication to detail really made it special for all members)).

Paul spoke about the up and coming event in November. Tickets are being sold at all our meetings and on line. The book of Mike MacDonald can be purchased on line for $81 of which $15 goes to the club. Mike will be able to sign books when you pick it up at the event. Paula reiterated that the event is to be social and a community outreach. Rise’ and Ann B. wrote a Grant of which the National Garden Club rewarded our club $1000 An article and publicity on the event will be forthcoming. Paula outline the day of Nov. 6 Attendees are encouraged to come at 9 am ( A Taste of Paris will have breakfast items for sale) vendors will be selling wares. (Each vendor has contributed to the auction baskets) so items for gifts and holiday giving will be readily available. President will have a short business meeting and at 11 am Mike will give his presentation. The luncheon will follow as well as a raffle of baskets.

**Treasurer’s Report:** Sally reported money market account of $5,029.41 and Checking account of $13,131.33. ( reflective of the recent Garden Walk )

**Civic:** Laura had several items to discuss. First a “Thank You to Nancy Bloomer for planting the planters at the newly build Train Station. Secondly, Laura is aware of an eagle scout who is planning on establishing two pollinator pocket gardens in District 70 Libertyville Schools. (locations will be forthcoming) Thirdly, mascara wands can be recycled. Two locations: Wild life Refuge c/o Appalachian Wild PO Box 1211 Skyland, North Carolina 28776 or Wildlife Wands PO Box 1586 Southwich MA 01077. Mascara should be replaced every three months. Lastly, “Beyond Meat” “burgers and sausages made from peas etc. Alternative food can be found in stores now. Anne S. mentioned at today’s event at the Ritter’s we will be recycling water bottles and cans as well as unsoiled boxes and utensils.

**Horticulture Report:** Donna informed the club about the blazing star plant Liatris cleans soil. Donna additionally reported about the event on July 28 at the home/farm of Bill Kurtis in Metta on St. Mary’s Road. Once a year he opens his 1927 house on 65 acres. Bill raises bees and had a tasting of honey wine.

**Sunshine:**  Condolences to Margie A Her Mom passed away three weeks ago and her Dad yesterday.

**Garden Walk Report:** Mary Gay reported and handed out a sheet breaking down ticket sales, expenses of gift certificates to home owners printing tickets, posters and cards and Printing new signs. Expenses totaled $1,036.21 and Net Income was $3,963.79. Member Ticket sales 163 tickets sold $2,445.; farmers market 16 tickets sold, village hall 20 tickets, “How Impressive” store 15 tickets and on line sales of 66 tickets. (Ticket totals: 282 $15 tickets and 37 $20 tickets. Totaling 319) Donated supplies $130 Donated Services $26 ( Thank you went out to those members who distributed signs. ) Thank you Mary Gay!!!

**Old ( but important ) Business:**

**Scholarship** Mary Gay spoke with Rory at CLC regarding scholarship. Horticultural students can start applying for scholarship Sept 4 on line until Sept 30. School starts August 19. There was a motion on the floor to increase the scholarship to two individual scholarships valued at $500 each. The matter was discussed by members and approved.

President Julie mentioned 3-4 board positions will be available. Programs (where two people can share) Civic and Secretary. The nominating committee consists of Anne B. Rise’ and Joyce G..

**Bell:**  Joyce has written a history of the Bell. She attended the Board Meeting of the village. Jennifer Clark county commissioner suggested the Bell be housed at the Dunn Museum. Joyce prefers it be located in the village. At the meeting a person representing Waukegan wanted it in Waukegan. Joyce will be sending out to each member the history of the Bell. She will inform us of the place it will eventually be moved from its current location on Milwaukee Ave. North of Winchester Road

Julie announced the cancellation of an environmental class sponsored by Garden Clubs of Illinois originally scheduled for 9/16 and 9/17

Andrea is walking on Tuesday and Thursday at Independence Grove 8 am. Members are welcomed to join her.

Meeting adjourned at 10:52 Group proceeded to our event in Lake Bluff. See above Program for info.

**Our next meeting**  **is at the home of Anne Baker** **Sept. 4 at 11 am**

Gregg Walter will speak on the role bees play in our fragile ecosystem.

Respectfully submitted by,

Jennifer Rielly ( Secretary).