**Garden Club of Dearborn**

Minutes of March 13, 2023

General Meeting

Minutes

Present were 17 members and three guests: Denise Rose, Mariah Berryman and Jean Burns.

Rose Wiggle called the meeting to order at 12:05 p.m. The pledge of allegiance was recited. Marietta Lynch introduced the guests.

Next, Rose asked if there were any changes to the February 13, 2023 minutes. There being none, a motion was made to accept the minutes by Linda Johnson and seconded by Cynthia Casillas. The motion was unanimously accepted.

Rose next gave the Treasurer’s Report in Laurine Griffin’s absence. She reviewed the income and expenses which as of February 28, 2023, left the Club had a total balance of $16,384.08. A motion to accept the report for made by Diane Rebori, seconded by Sherry Kammer and unanimously approved.

Carol Chrzastek then reported on the Club’s new members: Marlene Bankwitz, Shirley Brooks, Nannette Fisher, and Kim Kovacs-Gucwa noting the Club now had a total membership of 63. She also distributed the new business cards.

Linda Johnson stated that the Michigan Garden Club (MGC) upcoming District 1 meting will be held on May 18, 2023 at the Southfield Library. She encouraged everyone to attend. The theme will be “Grow Share Connect.” The price is $25.00 which includes lunch. Carol will send out a flyer to everyone. There will be a sign-up sheet for those wanting to attend as well as one for anyone who wants to share a ride. The Club will send out one check to MGC for all attendees from this Club. Also, members were reminded that the Club obtains points of each member that participates.

Marietta Lynch then gave an update of the positions that still need to be filled with include: V.P. of Programs, and Nominating Chairman

Next, Carol stated that Rose will try to set up the hospitality committee so that there will be hostess for each meeting as well as a friendship person who will be in charge of sending out cards for birthday, get well, etc.

Announcements made were as follows:

* Garden Drop In is tentatively set for June 10 or 11, 2023. Final decision will be made at the next Board of Director’s meeting. This year it will be for members and their friends.
* Home and Garden Expo at Park Place was attended by Cynthia. She handed out business cards to participants.
* Eva Gogola informed the Club of a fundraiser being held for the UofM Interpreter Center at the Henry Ford Estate. The benefit is entitled ”Continuing Vision” and tickets are $150.00 per person.

As the last item of business, Sherry Kammer introduced he Club’s newest member, Nannette Fisher and Marietta Lynch presented her with a plant.

Following the meeting, Sherry presented Marlene Bankwitz and Denise Rose who did a presentation on “Flowers of the World”. It was a beautiful presentation what encompassed many countries for around the world including Asia, South America, Europe, and the United States. The presentation was well received by those present.

As a final treat, Mariha Berryman a soprano from Dearborn gave a beautiful rendition of two songs, “Nature thee Gentlest Mother” and “Dear March Come In” from the 12 Poems of Emily Dickenson arranged by Aaron Copland. After Mariha’s performance the March raffle was held.

Respectfully submitted,

Diane Rebori

Recording Secretary