**GARDEN CLUB OF DEARBORN**

May 15, 2023

***General Meeting Minutes***

**Present:** 23 members and 6 guests

**Call to Order:** President Rose Wiggle called the meeting to order at 12:08 p.m., and led the

Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

**Attendance:** Acting Recording Secretary Linda Johnson introduced four guests: Patricia Carrier, Gary Morgan, Jackie Olinn, and Heather Yeaw. She also welcomed back the cancer-free Club Photographer Otto Baumgart. Two more guests came in after introductions: Linda Tafelski and Beth Brown.

**Minutes:** President Wiggle asked if there were any changes to the April 11, 2023, minutes. Clarification was made about the date of June's General Meeting. It will be at 11:00 a.m. on June 26 at the First Presbyterian Church, not at noon at the Historical Museum on June 6 as listed in the directory, A motion was made to approve the minutes by Marietta Lynch and seconded by Mary Bugeia. It passed unanimously.

**Treasurer's Report:** Treasurer Laurine Griffin gave the Treasurer's Report for April. She reviewed the income and expenses for the month and the balances in the checking, CD, and Savings totaling $15,285.41. She reported that 35% of all members have paid their 2023-24 dues. She encouraged everyone else to pay their dues so they will be covered by the Michigan Garden Clubs Liability Insurance. Mariya Fogarasi moved to approve the Treasurer's Report and Paulette Baumgart seconded. The motion passed.

**Membership:** Renewal forms are available for 2023-24. Dues are $30.00. The Annual Meeting will be held at the First Presbyterian Church at 11:00 a.m. on June 26. After the Installation of Officers, there will be a buffet lunch catered by Szegedi's. Cost is $20.00 per person and includes Golden Baked Chicken, Stuffed Cabbage, Vegetable Lasagna, Red Skinned Potatoes, Green Beans, Veggie Relish Tray, Fresh Fruit Salad, and Assorted Strudels.

**External Affairs:** Vice President for External Affairs Mary Bugeia announced several local events along with details about the Michigan Garden Clubs Annual Conference in Grand Rapids on June 6 and 7. Seven GCD members will be attending. In addition, the GCD has donated $1,000.00 to the U. of M. Dearborn Environmental Interpretive Center Support Fund. F. Y. I.: The Dearborn Memorial Day Parade will proceed on Michigan Avenue from Outer Drive to Brady this year.

Education/Youth Chair Terri Bungee reported on the Smokey Bear and Woodsy Owl 2023 Poster Contest held at Lindbergh School. She noted that none of the 75 posters made it to the State level but each child who participated will receive a certificate and a bracelet. Terri also noted that the prizes for first, second and third places are $35.00, $20.00, and $ 15.00 respectfully. She then reported that Nowlin School was given $150.00 for their sensory garden for their autistic children. Terri requested a rain barrel for the O. L. Smith School garden. John Spencer said that he would provide one. A request was also made for up to $100.00 for DuVall School's butterfly program. A motion was made by Laurine Griffin, seconded by Judy Polcyn, to set aside up to $100.00 for DuVall School's butterfly eggs and mulch. Motion passed.

**Nominations:** Nominating Chair Marietta Lynch presented the Slate of Administrative Committee Officers for 2023-25:

President: Cynthia Casillas

Vice-Presidents: External Affairs: Terri Bungee

Membership: Carol Chrzastek

Programs: Carol McGarvey/ Sherry Kammer

Recording Secretary: Diane Rebori

Treasurer: Laurine Griffin

Awards Chair: Karen Marzonie

Parliamentarian: Mary Bugeia

Nominating Chair: Jo West

A motion to accept the Slate of Officers presented by Marietta Lynch was made by Sharon Snider and seconded by Paulette Baumgart. Motion passed.

**Announcements:** The Member Garden Tour will be held Saturday, June 10 (Sunday Rain Day), from 11:00 a.m. To 4:00 p.m. at 6 Dearborn homes.

**Adjournment:** The business meeting was adjourned and President Wiggle introduced the Guest Speaker.

**Speaker:** GCD member (and husband of Rose Wiggle) Ron Wiggle narrated an exquisite PowerPoint presentation entitled “Desert Flowers and Cryptobiotic Soil” on the many wildflowers his CryptoCrusher hiking group has found over the years in the Canyonlands region of Utah.

**Raffle:** A drawing was held for four flower arrangements donated by Diane Rebori and Linda Johnson. The lucky winner of the patriotic arrangement was Linda Stechison who will display it on her porch on June 10 when her gardens are on the Member Garden Tour. Lynn Spencer won the lovely ring and candle arrangement. She, too, will display it when her home is on the Member Garden Tour. Looks like being on the Garden Tour brings good luck!

Respectfully Submitted,

Linda Johnson

Acting Recording Secretary