Garden Club of Dearborn

**General Meeting Minutes**

Monday, December 11, 2023

First Presbyterian Church Dearborn

**Present:** 30 members and 2 guests

**Call to Order:** President Cynthia Casillas called the meeting to order at 11:25 a.m. and led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

**Attendance:** President Casillas introduced two guests: Jean Burns and Rachel Pearson.

**Minutes:** President Casillas asked if there were any changes to the November 13 meeting minutes. Being none, Mary Bugeia moved to approve the minutes, Linda Johnson seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

**Treasurer's Report:** Treasurer Laurine Griffin reported that the Club's November balance was $6,838.

**Program Report:** There will be a presentation about native plants and pollinators at the January 8 meeting.

**Membership:** No report

**External Affairs:** No report

**Recess:** President Casillas recessed the meeting for a delicious pot luck lunch.

**Holly Berry Brunch Review:** Carol Chrzastek shared facts from the December 2 event:

* Anticipated profit is $8,000 (raffle $3,800, silent auction $720, 50/25/25 profit $600)
* 102 donated gift baskets
* 29 tables, 232 lunch tickets sold
* Top 10 baskets: Ford's Garage, Cracker Barrel, Barbie, Dearborn Sausage, Chocolate Lovers, Olga's, Glass Wreath, Mati's Deli, Vacuum and Duster & Polish Basket

**Ribbons and Bows Game:** President Casillas led the game by reading a story that

contained the words “right” and “left” in several places. The people at each table passed a gift to the right or left upon hearing these words read in the story. At the story's end, each person holding a gift got to keep it.

**December Raffle**: Christmas cactus won by Marlene Bankwitz; small stone garden rabbit won by Mariya Fogarasi, Mary Bugeia won a miniature tree, Nanette Fisher won the mystery prize - a 2024 Farmer’s Almanac and Sandy Butler won a tube of Mary Kay Satin Hands hand cream.

Respectfully Submitted,

*Linda Johnson*

*Acting Recording Secretary*