

## The Garden Club of Dearborn

Minutes of January 8, 2024

General Meeting

Present were 29 members plus 9 guests: Rachel Pearson, Jean Burns, Debbie Rugenski, Donna Kolojeskie, Sharon Morton, Nick Speth, Janet Damian, Shawn Tambeau and Katrina Harris.

Cynthia Casillas called the meeting to order at 11:15 a.m. The pledge of allegiance was recited.

Next, Cynthia called for approval of the minutes from the General Meeting of December 11, 2023. Mary Bugeia made a motion to accept the minutes, Marietta Lynch seconded it, and the minutes were unanimously approved.

Laurine Griffin then gave the Treasurer's Report for the period of November 1 through December 31, 2023. She reviewed the income and expenses noting that the current balance of all accounts equaled \$20,290.41. She then reported on the Holly Berry Brunch. Laurine reviewed the income which totaled \$15,350.50 and expenses totaling \$7,467.71 giving the Club a net income on \$7,883.39 with \$600 in ads still to come. This will give the Club an expected net of \$8,483.39.

Then Marietta Lynch introduced a new member, Shawn Tambeau and presented her with a plant.

Terri Bungee began the report on External Affairs by showing the Club 5 posters that were selected by members of the Board to submit to the State for the Smokey Bear Woodsey Owl contest. There were 3 from the 5<sup>th</sup> grade, 1 from the 3<sup>rd</sup> grade and 1 from the 2<sup>nd</sup> grade. She stated that the Club will not know who won until sometime in April or May. The winners from the State will go on to the National contest.

Mary then continued by reporting:

- The signed letter for recommending the Black Swallow Tail Butterfly as the State butterfly had been sent to the State.
- Dearborn Historical Museum will be hosting activities for Martin Luther King Day, January 15<sup>th</sup>
- Dearborn Preservation Society will be hosting a talk on the Geography of Dearborn, January 16<sup>th</sup>
- Centennial Library holds a used book sale the 2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday of the month.
- Snow Woods Neighborhood Association is collecting plastic bottle caps and lids to turn into benches. The Club has decided to participate by collecting plastic lids and bottle caps. There will be a receptacle at the meetings to collect items.

Carol Chrzastek then gave an update on new members noting that Katrina Harris and Rachel Pearson had just joined at the meeting and will both be inducted as formal club members next month.

Cynthia then reminded everyone of the February Valentine Tea which will be a potluck and there will be a craft. The Club will be making Pressed Flowers Bookmarks. She asked everyone to bring scissors and tweezers.

There being no further business, Carol McGarvey introduced Janet Damian Lapko who was presenting on Native Pollinators. She began by reviewing Janet's bio which included: her education and work history; master rain gardener; O.L. Smith School garden coordinator; and city beautiful commissioner just to name a few.

Janet began by discussing invasive and non-invasive trees and bushes. She then spoke on native flowers, the purposes of rain gardens, and school gardens. Janet concluded by saying:

- Plant a tree, especially oak
- Do not cut down legacy trees
- Use native plants as much as possible

Respectfully submitted,  
Diane Rebori  
Recording Secretary