

VMIGC

February 10, 2020 unamended general meeting minutes

President Cathie Crouse called the meeting to order at 9:45 am.

Membership

There were 62 present, including 2 new members and one guest.

Secretary's report

The minutes from the January 13, 2020 general meeting were read and approved without changes.

Treasurer's report

The budget was amended to include an increase in operating expenses, officer expenses and the Comm. Gdns. Awards Dinner budget as approved by the board on Feb. 3, 2020.

The balance in the account is \$19,449 as of Feb. 3, 2020.

Committee reports

Carolina Nurik reported Student Benefits funding of \$150 to Vashon High School, \$185 to VYFS, and \$300 to the Harbor school for board approved requests for gardening related projects. This total exceeds the \$500 in the Student Benefits budget. It was approved to take \$135 from the Community Donations and Education Fund to meet the requests.

Nancy Hostika and Nancy Kappelman announced the beginning of greenhouse seed planting for the plant sale, the first day being Feb. 13, 1-3pm. In this wet season, preferred parking is in the K-2 lot, walk in from there. Limited parking from the Cemetery Road access.

Plant sale and workshops

Thank you to Trudy for presenting an informative seed planting workshop.

Sign-up sheets for the many task opportunities for the plant sale will be passed around at the next meeting.

Anna M. outlined appropriate contributions for the Shabby Chic Boutique. Please, no Easter or Christmas themed items.

There has been a suggestion to return to brown bag snacks instead of member contributions for snacks, and an October birthday cake “buffet”, as was done in the past. The 3 yearly potlucks would remain. Please discuss and relay input!

Ask the experts

Cindy described appropriate root washing and ground planting methods for potted trees and other plants. Now is the time to prune many shrubs, including Group 3 clematis.

Shameless shoutouts

Vor Hostetler announced there will be a blackberry removal event at the Chautauqua School forest on March 14 from 10-1. Snacks provided. School children and families participating. Please come and lend support in numbers even if you can't pull blackberries!

There is a request from the county library for children's books to be donated for distribution.

Meeting adjourned at 10:45.

Jo Robinson presented a program “The Fresher the Better”, relating how to choose vegetables and fruits to grow or purchase for maximum nutritional value.

Respectfully submitted by Sheryl Lehman, Secretary