

Oklahoma Garden Clubs, Inc.

Fall Board of Directors Meeting

October 11, 2011

John Kilpatrick Horticulture Center, 400 North Portland, Oklahoma City

- Call to Order: Vice President Marillyn Lay called the meeting to order at 11:15 am.
- Introductions: South Central Region Director 2011-2013 Judy Grotts, President of Oklahoma Garden Clubs, Inc. 2011-2013 Donna Marsheck.
- Chaplain: Chaplain Doris Rae Arens led a Prayer and an Irish Blessing.
- Pledge of Allegiance: Led by Guest Speaker, Mark Woodward
- Program: Linda Lawson, "Protecting Aquatic Ecosystems" Chairman, introduced guest speaker Mark Woodard, "Bureau of Narcotics". Mr. Woodard's spoke on the "Safe Prescription Drug Disposal" program implemented in Oklahoma.
- Presidents Citation: President Marsheck presented a Citation to Mark Woodard.
- Working Lunch: Business was conducted during the lunch period.
- Quorum: Parliamentarian Clara Bishop said there was a quorum of the Board of Directors. Thirty-three [33] members were present.
- Appointment of Minutes Approval: 1st Vice President, 2nd Vice President, and President.
- President: With Board permission, debate will be 2 minutes with no one speaking more that 2 times on an issue. Board approval was given.
- Appointment of Time Keeper: Dina Atnip will ring the bell on time allotment for issues of debate.
- Minutes: **Motion #1**: Secretary Grace Shafer moved to accept the Minutes of the July 19, 2011 as circulated. Motion was seconded and approved unanimously as circulated.
- Correspondence: Letter of resignation due to family issues from Jean Hancher, Plant It Pink Chairman. **Motion #2**: Patsy Ruth Miller moved to accept the letter of resignation with regret. Motion was seconded and passed unanimously.
- Treasurer's Report: Treasurer Charlene Wells report will be on file. After November 1, 2011 new members pay \$3.75 for dues. Total Assets: \$252,419.78. The report will be filed for Reconciliation.
- Proposed Budget: Patsy Ruth Miller presented the 2012 Proposed Budget. **Recommendation**: from Executive Committee to add \$1000 to the President's Package Plan from the Contingency Fund surplus. Recommendation was seconded and passed unanimously.

Motion #3: Bettie Cooper moved we change the website charges to \$119.40 as was paid with the website change. Motion was seconded and passed unanimously.

Motion #4: Mary Early moved to approve the Budget as amended. Motion was seconded and passed unanimously.

1st Vice President: Marillyn Lay reported that OGC has 1,091 members.
Newsletter: Chairman Marillyn Lay explained the problems with the printing of the Spring newsletter and gave each District President a form request for club members email addresses and other needed information.

2nd Vice President
MaryAnn Holman: Bylaws Committee Procedures Evaluation Chairman read the following **Recommendations from the Executive Committee** for Bylaws revision:
[1] Article IV – Officers, Section 4. e. Page 10.
[As is] The Treasurer is to be covered by a one hundred thousand dollar Positions Schedule Fidelity bond. The Treasurer shall pay all bills upon written voucher of the President. **Insert** the word “ONLY”
[Will read as] *The Treasurer shall pay all bills **only** upon written voucher of the President.*
Rational: Due to “urgent nature” of banking practices, OGC wishes to keep the voucher system. The Recommendation passed.
[2] Article VII – Finances, Section 7, page 17.
[As is] The Budget shall provide for the President’s Package Plan..... **Insert** after the word ‘dues’, line 7: A Debit Card will be used by the President only for these expenses. The Recommendation was approved.
[3] Article VI – Board of Directors & Executive Committee, Section 2. Page 14
[As is] In event of an emergency, a vote by mail, telephone, or electronic mail may be taken. **Delete** *In event of an emergency.*
[Will read as] A vote by mail, telephone, or electronic mail may be taken.
The Recommendation was approved to be taken to Convention for vote.

Scholarships: MaryAnn reported she has contacted several Colleges.

Historian: Linda Oldham asked for items for the President’s scrapbook and reported on the OGC History Committee work to be started.

District Presidents: Reports were given by: North Central, Mary Early; South Central, Martha Aughe; Northeast, Aline Saturday; Southeast, Fran Walker; Southwest, MaryAnn Holman for Shirley Johnston; Northwest, Patsy Ruth Miller.

Committee Reports:

President Marsheck: Thank you for coming. Please remember that each of you may express your opinion on any aspect of this organization. Our Thought for the rest of the term is TEAM – WORK ~ Together Everyone Accomplishes Much ~ We’re Offering Resilient Kinship!

Website: Chairman Bettie Cooper reported the cost of website is \$119.40 with use of our Domain name for a year paid to Yahoo from Oct 2011 till 2012. The summer use was paid and set up was waived.
Website address is: oklahomagardenclubs.com
It was stated that the Board of Directors would receive the password and each District President would in turn give the password to club presidents.

The password-protected page is the Board of Director Excel file with ALL names, addresses, phone #'s, and e-mails. [1.] Click on "About Us" [2.] "2011-2013 Officers and Chairmen", then when asked, [3] put in the username of "ogcofficers", [4] enter the password.

- Life Membership Chairman, Nan Jean Lacy reported there are still three numbers without name identification, #577, #579, and #598 and two Life Member names without a town identification: Mrs. Vere Kouns, NW District; and Mrs. James Melton, SC District. She asked members to consider signing up for Region and NGC Life Memberships.
- Environmental Consultants: President Nan Lacy reported.
- Butterfly Conservation: Jim Brown reported and brought Monarch chrysalis to share.
- Wildflower Conservation & Landscape: Craig Williams reported on the free seed sent to OGC Members from Color Oklahoma. He sent seeds to 40 garden club presidents to plant from corner to corner in Oklahoma. He urged us to take pictures for later use and send thank you cards to the "Color Oklahoma" organization.
- Awards: Chairman Linda Lawson reminded members of new rules and the NGC Awards Application form was handed out.
- Organizational Bylaws Study: Jim Lawson was ratified by the Board of Directors to serve on this committee.
- Plant It Pink: Dina Atnip was ratified by the Board of Directors to serve as Chairman of this committee.
- Board of Directors Appointment: Due to the decision of the 1st VP Marillyn Lay to refrain from becoming President Elect in April 2012, a letter of resignation was rendered. President Marsheck petitioned the Executive Committee to wait to accept the letter until a new 1st Vice President could be ratified.
A recommendation was read from the Executive Committee to appoint Roberta Burns to the position of 1st VP.
MaryAnn Holman and Clara Bishop were appointed to count the votes cast by Secret Ballot as requested by the President.
Chairman Holman gave the vote results as: 27 Yes, 3 No, 3 Voids.
The recommendation was approved.
The Letter of resignation from Marillyn Lay was accepted with regret by general consent.
- Thumbs Up Accommodation: was given by President Marsheck to Jim Brown, Craig Williams, and Jim Lawson for service to OGC.

“Most Esteemed One”

Citation: was given to Mary Jean Easterling for her leadership role in the SW District.

2014 NGC Convention:

Renaissance OK

City Convention

Center Hotel & Spa Chairman Marsheck & Vice Chairman Grotts reported on the NGC Future Conventions Meeting held in St. Louis during NGC Fall Board Meeting. Chairmen to fill the needed positions for the 2014 NGC Convention hosted by Oklahoma will be selected. An idea for a “Come to Oklahoma” gift to be part of our Special Exhibit table in Seattle was discussed.

Announcements: President Marsheck urged the clubs, districts, and councils to forward a copy of their IRS email conformation for the 990n ez postcard to state Treasurer Charlene Wells.

Patsy Ruth Miller announced that NGC President, Shirley Nicolai, would attend the State Convention in Alva, April 11 & 12, 2012.

Adjourn: Having no other business to come before this Board of Directors, the meeting adjourned at 3:15pm. Next scheduled meeting will be April 10, 2012.

Grace Schafer _____
Secretary 2011-2013

Committee to approve:
Marilyn Lay 1st Vice President _____

Maryann Holman 2nd Vice President _____

Donna Marsheck President 2011-2013 _____