



December 13, 2019

Just Hooked, Fenwick Island

CALL TO ORDER: President, Lisa Arni

President Lisa Arni welcomed members and guests to our Merry Mini Meeting. Monetary donations were collected at the door for the Food Bank of Delaware.

Lisa thanked all of our Chairmen and club members for all the work they did to make our Blue Star Memorial Dedication a success on November 9th. The Memorial Hall at the Presbyterian Church looked especially nice, the food was delicious and the attention to detail in the staging and floral arrangements was just perfection. Thank you so much for your support for this important community project. Lisa has the wreath and stand, plus the flags to use at our marker in the future, if the Town of Bethany Beach will approve.

Our bus trip to Longwood Gardens was full. Thank you to all for your help in making this trip special! The fund-raiser netted \$1,037, including the \$84 raised in the 50/50.

MINUTES: Recording Secretary, Alva Hutchison

Alva Hutchison reported that the minutes of the October meeting were distributed by email. Hearing no further additions or corrections, the minutes are filed as circulated and posted on our website.

TREASURER, Carolyn Clipp

Ending balance \$10,459.84, including our interest bearing CD.

WAYS AND MEANS, Ria Cararro

Please support our next Dine and Donate on Thursday, January 9 at Northeast Seafood Restaurant in Ocean View. The event starts at 5 pm to closing at 9. Ria had a signup sheet for volunteers to sell the 50/50 tickets at the restaurant.

HOSPICE TREE, Alva Hutchison for Brenda Wimperis

On Wednesday, December 4th, the committee went to Hospice Center in Milford to decorate our two ELVES AT WORK trees, a 6 ft. and a smaller 4 ft. tree. They celebrated with lunch together at the Palace Restaurant in Milford.

GARDEN THERAPY – Sandra Lopez

Sandra thanked the committee members who worked with clients at the Pyle Center yesterday making small holiday arrangements.

HORTICULTURE MOMENT – Alva Hutchison

Christmas Cactus - Alva provided a handout which illustrated the slight different leaf structures among variety of plants which bloom either Thanksgiving, Christmas or Easter and hints for growing the plants.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Lisa circulated three certificates: 1) recognizing donation to the TREE-mendous Tree project at Delaware Botanic Gardens, 2) certificate from DFGC for \$100 donation to the president's project Dedication to Delaware 3) correction from NGC certificate for the Blue Star Memorial.
- Lisa shared that Maryanne Green had carpal tunnel surgery and also slipped on wet floor and broke ribs. In spite of her injuries, Maryanne continues to do a fantastic job keeping Gardeners by the Sea active on Facebook. We send best wishes for speedy recovery!
- Alva introduced her guest, Sandra Erbe. Sandra enjoyed our trip to Longwood Gardens and hopes to become a member.

The short business meeting was followed by a delicious lunch at Just Hooked and the fun door-prize auction of beautiful poinsettias. Jean Sewald and Maureen Ryan made the trip to Pepper Greenhouses in Milton to purchase the spectacular plants. Nancy Hoffman circulated the room for the drawings of the tickets.

Happy Holidays! Merry Christmas!

Respectfully submitted,

Alva Hutchison

Recording Secretary