

RECORDING SECRETARY'S MINUTES

The October 30th. meeting of the La Plata Community Garden Club took place at the La Plata Firehouse. President, Dianne Shisler began the meeting at 7:03pm. Minutes of last month's meeting and Treasurer' report are available on the web site.

OLD BUSINESS-

Dianne presented the Proposed Slate of Officers for 2009-2010 to the group. The slate was as follows: President – Joyce Rose, Vice President – Carol Flowers, Recording Secretary – Jane O'Farrell, Corresponding Secretary – Marge LaMar, and Treasurer – Melissa Leitner. There were no nominations from the floor. The motion was made and seconded to accept the proposed slate of officers. The motion carried.

Dianne presented a motion to increase annual club dues from \$25 to \$30. The dues for couples would increase from \$40 to \$50. The motion was made and seconded. The motion was passed. Dianne reminded members that dues are due by November 30th. Beginning December 1st a late fee of \$10 will be assessed.

COMMITTEE REPORTS-

Barbie Walter reported that large areas of clay filled soil had been removed from the garden and replaced with augmented soil. The plants that were dug up previously by members have been replanted. She thanked all members who had worked on the project and stressed that more soil amending would be necessary in the future.

Judy Ruth reminded members of the Designing Women event which is to be held at Christ Church in La Plata on December 6th. from 10:30am to 3:00pm. There will be demonstrations, 10 vendors, greens for sale, a silent auction, and a raffle. Admission will be \$12 in advance and \$14 at the door. Judy passed a sign up sheet for event helpers and urged all members to bring cookies for the refreshment table. Deputy Dog will be the lunch vendor. Judy also distributed fliers advertising the event to the members. Marge LaMar passed out signs to be placed in member's yards. After the event, signs are to be collected at Jane O'Farrells house on Oak Ave.

Mary Grant announced that there would be one more newsletter before the end of the year. She urged members to have any additions to the newsletter in to her by November 7th.

Dianne reminded members of the dedication of the Blue Star Memorial Marker on Saturday, November 1st, at 10am, at St. Paul's Episcopal Church, in Waldorf, Md. The marker was designed and planted by Linda Lockhart.

ANNOUNCEMENTS-

Dianne announced that at the National Convention in Memphis, our La Plata Communi

ty Garden Club received the prestigious Kellogg Award for Civic Achievement for the Star Memorial Garden.

Mary Ann Wade asked members to inform her of topics they would like to have for programs next year, speakers they would recommend, and any member willing to have a meeting at her home.

Nan Stout asked members to consider putting together a basket for the silent auction.

Sandra Mitchell reminded members that our club donates \$1 per member to the Natural Disaster Fund.

The next meeting of the La Plata Community Garden Club will be held on November 22nd, at 3:00pm, at the home of Judy Ruth. Officers for 2009 – 2010 will be installed at this time.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:20pm.

Joyce Rose introduced Elyssa Baxter, District III Director, who presented an interesting and enjoyable program on Queen Ann's Lace.

Refreshments were served by the Host Committee: Liz Shifflette, Maggie MaHaffey, Linda Sackie, and Susan Cusack.

Respectfully Submitted,

Jane O'Farrell, Recording Secretary