## Garden Club Meeting Minutes 5-9-23

# Call to Order occurred at 7:00 pm.

# Welcome – President Kathy Cedillo welcomed all and relayed reminders of meeting etiquette (e.g., silencing cell phones, one speaker at a time)

# Speaker – Sharon Whalen presented on planting and maintenance of hostas.

# Treasurer’s Report – Treasurer Judy Liberty was absent, so President Karen Cedillo provided the Treasurer’s report. Starting balance was $3003.77. Deposits totaled $50.00. Expenses totaled $8.95. Ending balance is $3044.82.

# Committee Updates

## Technology –

### Due to security restrictions with Square, Mark Feldhausen has taken over the transfer of the website from Mark to Tracy. The domain has been renewed. Next month, the renewal of the website will occur.

### Tracy posted a reminder of our meeting on Facebook. Please look for the page, ‘Like’ the page, and look for reminders of our meetings going forward.

# Roll call and new member introductions – We welcomed one new member: Mary Griener, and two guests of Karen Van Briesen: Billy Williams and Christina Miles. Members then introduced themselves and answered the question, “What is the one item you always include in your container gardens?”

# Old Business:

## Blue Star Memorial – garden clean up occurred on 4/24. We will be planting flowers on Monday, May 15th at 9am. Volunteers needed.

## Gold Star Memorial – Tony Gowan, Director of Parks and Recreation, indicated Betty had planted rose bushes in the garden and she will maintain the garden this year, so our help is not needed this year.

## Butterfly Garden – Karla Rupiper reported a clean-up done last month. A donation was made and those items have been planted. Going forward, maintenance will be done weekly on Thursdays at 9am.

## Children’s Garden – Sandi Gable reported the children have until May 20th to register. Six children, primarily 8- and 9-year-olds, have registered. Saturday is the first meeting at which time the children will make log books, will look at seed packets, and draw a garden from an aerial perspective. Several pollinator plants were gained from Midwest Monarch (unsure of name) give out pollinator plants for free. On May 27th, these donations will be planted.

## Halleck Park project – in March, Sharon Whalen presented a project idea of planting new items in and around the arboretum. Details we have:

* The city will do all fundraising and cover the costs, dig as needed and install mulch.
* There will be a water source nearby.
* If we decide to conduct more research, a small ad-hoc committee will be formed to formulate a proposal for the club.

Carolyn Peterson made a motion to continue researching this project through the formation of a small ad-hoc committee. Sandi Gable seconded the motion. Discussion points included whether or not we can fully support this effort while maintaining the other gardens we support and the connection between this project and the Papillion Tree Board. A vote was taken and the motion carried.

# New Business:

## Microphone purchase – Kathy Cedillo purchased audio equipment to use for our meetings. The Papillion Jr. Woman’s Club (PJWC) uses the same space for their meetings and have had issues with their audio equipment. Kathy proposed the two clubs share the equipment and split the cost. Total cost was $170, so each club would pay $85. This amount goes over the limit of Board decision, so she asked for approval of this expensive through a vote. Sandi Gable made a motion to allow PJWC to share the equipment and pay for half and the Papillion Garden Club pay for the other half. Diane Schumacher seconded the motion. Discussion points included the possibility of the Papillion Garden club needing to move to a new meeting space and questioning how it would work to continue sharing the equipment. A vote occurred and the motion carried.

# Upcoming gardening events

# Next Houseplant Swap at Bellevue Public Library on 5-12 from 2pm-4pm.

# Lauritzen Gardens-Washed Ashore-Art to Save the Sea, through 5-14-23.

# Omaha Plant Sale at Douglas County Extension Office, 8015 W. Center Rd, Omaha, NE on May 13 from 9am to noon.

# Hosta Group sale at Mangelsons – June 14th.

# meeting is on June 13th. Kathy Bokelman will be our speaker and will present on succulents.

# Door prize drawing held with three winners.

# Meeting adjourned at 8:18pm.