

**PAPILLION GARDEN CLUB  
APRIL 9, 2019**

The meeting was called to order by President, Mike Williams at 7:03 pm. Mike welcomed 2 guests and 3 new members. 45 Members were present.

Mike introduced the evening's speaker, Debbie Brozanic. Her presentation was entitled GET THE SCOOP ON COMPOSTING. Debbie brought a NebGuide from the Extension office that provided composting information. Debbie brought a raffle prize that was won by Rita Ferguson.

Minutes were approved as read.

The Treasurer reported that we have \$2981.99 in the bank. Since last meeting we have received \$190 in member dues and a \$25 memorial. We also paid \$50 to our last speaker.

**Committee Reports/Old Business:**

The Penkes offered their home for the third Garden Walk.

Karen thanked those who brought snacks in February and March.

The Blue Star Committee needs volunteers to work in the Memorial Garden and to complete the downtown Papillion planting. Contact Connie or Nancy.

No updates from the Ad Hoc Committee on the 150<sup>th</sup> Town Anniversary.

Mike contacted the Papillion Library re their desire to have a seed library. He referred them to the Omaha Public Library to learn what they need to do. They, then, could determine what support they would want from our Club.

**New Business and Announcements:**

Long time member Virginia Baranko passed away. \$475 in memorials in her name was sent to our Garden Club:

Builders Supply	\$50
Karla Rupipar and Robert O'Neal	\$30
Mrs. C A. Pool	\$20
Shirley Jennings	\$50
Mike and Kathy Baranko	\$150
Joseph and Karen Gahrki	\$50
Rhonda Stratman	\$50
Christine Leszczyaski	\$50
Deborah Hession	\$25

Much discussion as to how to use these funds. It was moved, seconded and approved for Mike to contact the family to learn what her favorite tree was and to contact the City to learn how to donate a tree in her name to one of the Parks.

Sarpy County has an Earth Day Celebration in April. After discussion, it was decided that we would not get involved this year but would start working on next year in February 2020.

Mike to determine what, if any, participation we should plan on for Papillion Arbor Day tree planting.

Powdery Mildew occurs on lilacs when humidity is high. The solution is to thin out the lilacs after blooming—1/3 of the canes. Mike will email a recipe for a solution that can be sprayed on the powdery mildew.

Pre-emergent should be applied on the lawns when the soil has been 55 degrees for 3 days in a row. Soil temps can be checked on the Nebraska Extension web site. Gretna also has a web site that can be checked.

Backyard Farmer has started up for the season.

The Men's Garden Club Plant Sale will be held on May 3 and 4 at Keystone 78<sup>th</sup> and Military.

Omaha Council of Garden Clubs have a Facebook page.

Items available to take home—NebGuide and Extension office book marks; Calendars, Garden Planners; Lauritzen Gardens programs

Meeting adjourned at 8:45 pm

Submitted by Judy Liberty