

Papillion Garden Club 2-8-22 meeting:

The Papillion Garden Clubs first meeting of the year was 2-8-22. We had a great turnout with 34 people in attendance which included one new member, Griselda Black.

Sandi Gable, President, called the meeting to order and welcomed everyone. She asked members to introduce themselves by asking them to give their first and last name if they spoke to the group during the meeting.

Sandi reminded everyone to check out the club's website as it is very nice. To help the community understand what our club is about, it was decided to include pictures (of our gardens, flowers, etc.) and notes from our meetings on the club's website. Mark Feldhausen, our Webmaster, can be contacted for help on how to upload pictures to the site.

Sandi Gable, President, introduced the new officers for 2022: Cathy Bartunek-Vice President, Kathy Cedillo-Secretary, and Judy Liberty-Treasurer. She also introduced the Membership Committee members: Peggy Montgomery, Terry Quick, Sherry Harlow, and Nancy Zaraya, the head of the Blue Star Memorial: Connie Lerversee, the Refreshments Committee-Joyce Stranglen and Jackie Mach, and our WebMaster: Mark Feldhausen.

Sandi encouraged everyone to complete the questionnaire that we had given them when they got their name tag and turn it in that night if possible. The questionnaire will help us update addresses, email addresses, phone numbers, and find out what interests our members have regarding flower/vegetable gardening, and if they have any ideas for a speaker each month. Club members were also reminded to pay their yearly dues (\$10) if that hadn't already been done. Sandi asked everyone to bring any gently used items they may have at home to our next meeting which could be donated as prizes for our monthly raffles.

Sandi then discussed the old business from the December meeting: Gold Star Memorial Plaque. It was decided that since our group was not connected with the National Garden Club that our club would not be included in the Gold Star Memorial Plaque. It was felt that the Blue Star Memorial and Butterfly Garden was enough for us at this time. Kathy Bokelman said that the State of Nebraska would sponsor the Gold Star Memorial Plaque and that it may be installed by Mother's Day. Mark Feldhausen asked if our club was still connected with Blue Star Memorial and was advised that we were. Sandra Gable said that the garden club treasurer bank statements had been audited by Joyce Stranglen and Karla Rupiper and were found in good order and no concerns were noted.

Club members then took part together by playing "Valentine Day Family Feud". Club members were split into several groups, and everyone answered questions as a team. Points were awarded if the question was correctly answered and the team who earned the most points won the game. We initially had a three-way tie but after a couple of tie breakers we had the team winner, which each received a prize! The game was fun and allowed members to get to know each other a little bit more. Club members enjoyed refreshments that were provided by the club officers. A new member, Griselda Black was introduced to the club. Sandi asked volunteers to consider signing up to provide treats, bring paper plates, napkins and plasticware when it was their turn.

New Business: Deb Busche mentioned the importance of having a sign with the club's name and information on it. Deb said that it could be displayed during club events so the community could

become more aware of our organization. Deb mentioned that UPS can make signs and suggested looking into having one made. Deb Busche made a motion to have a sign designed for our club and Linda Harvey seconded the motion. Deb Busche volunteered to look into the matter and get back to the group about the cost, and its design. The group will decide on how many will be needed and the design. Carol Kemp made a great suggestion that they could be used for the garden walk. Cathy Placzek questioned if the club needed a sign. Club members then gave examples of when a sign could be used (garden walks, plant sales, festival of trees, booths, etc.). Mary Munshaw mentioned she had a large banner the garden club had used in the past for an arts and craft show. The plastic 5–6-foot festive looking banner says, “Papillion Garden Club Craft Show and Bake Sale” and has balloons on it. Mary asked if the club could repurpose it. Mary said she would bring it to the next club meeting so members could see it. Nancy Zaraya offered to design membership cards for club members so that we could use them to get a 10% discount on plants at the Canoyer Garden Center. Joyce Stranglen informed us that the Papillion Junior Woman’s Club would be hosting the “Bloom in Spring” fundraiser on April 23, 2022. The fundraiser will feature a fashion show and a plant sale. It will include a brunch from 9 am to 10 am. It will take place at Trinity Church, 90th and Hwy 370. Tickets may be \$20 to \$25 per person. Joyce asked if the club wanted to have a table or two with plants that could be sold for the fundraiser from our Garden Club. Although our club does not do fundraising, Joyce said she could include a sign that said that the Papillion Garden Club was supporting the Papillion Junior Woman’s Club by donating plants. It was decided that the club would decide next month on whether we want to take part in this event. Kathy Bokelman and Joyce Stranglen mentioned that they have discount cards for Office Depot for anyone who would like to borrow them when buying items for the garden club.

In closing, Sandi Gable reminded everyone to turn in their name tags and adjourned the meeting at 8:22pm.