

## Garden Club Meeting Minutes 4-11-23

- I. Call to Order occurred at 7:00 pm.
- II. Welcome – President Kathy Cedillo welcomed all and relayed reminders of meeting etiquette (e.g., silencing cell phones, one speaker at a time)
- III. Speaker – Gary Peterson presented on turf management.
- IV. Treasurer’s Report – Treasurer Judy Liberty reported all members in attendance have paid their dues. Starting balance was \$2858.77. Deposits totaled \$145.00. Ending balance is 3003.77.
- V. Committee Updates
  - A. Hospitality – May hostesses will be contacted by Joyce Stranglen and Jackie Mach.
  - B. Technology –
    1. Mark Feldhausen and Tracy Allgood are working to transfer website maintenance from Mark to Tracy. The domain is up for renewal. The company used for creating the website has been acquired by Square. Mark and Tracy will work with Weebly and Square to accomplish the transfer and the domain renewal.
    2. Tracy has set up a Facebook page for Papillion Garden Club. Our page does not contain the word “Omaha”. Tracy will research how to best represent our club through this page. For now, look for the page, ‘Like’ the page, and look for reminders of our meetings.
- VI. Roll call and new member introductions – We welcomed three new members: Sue Spencer, Angelique Carson, and Leslie McPeck. Members then introduced themselves and answered the question, “What is your favorite flowering tree?”
- VII. Old Business:
  - A. Blue Star Memorial – a sign-up sheet was passed around for maintenance over the summer. The Blue Star Memorial Garden honors all men & women that served in the US Armed Forces. The park also includes the Butterfly Pollinator & Habitat Garden, plus the new Gold Star Memorial Garden that honors KIAs, MIAs, & POWs. If you have any questions, please ask Nancy Zaraya or Kathy Cedillo. Garden cleanup was set for 4/24 at 9am.
  - B. Butterfly Garden – Karla Rupiper indicated you and still can sign up to assist in maintaining this garden.
  - C. Children’s Garden – Sandi Gable reported the children have until May 20<sup>th</sup> to register.
  - D. Papillion Jr. Woman’s Club Spring in Bloom event – Joyce Stranglen reported the event would be held April 29<sup>th</sup>. Tickets were nearly sold out.
  - E. Mentorship program – Kathy sent around a sign-up sheet asking for people who would like to mentor another member, and for those seeking to be mentored.

F. Halleck Park project – Last month Sharon Whalen presented a project idea for the club; creating a garden at 600 E. Halleck St. She spoke to Tony Gowen, Director of Parks & Recreation, about planting items in the park on the pond side. Tony was agreeable about her vision and said the city would help with digging and said there would be a water source. The city would do the PR to raise money for this project. The first step would be to form a committee to do further research and planning. Before we form the committee, we need to vote on whether our club would like to do this project. After much discussion, this topic was tabled.

VIII. New Business: no new business reported.

IX. Reminders

- A. If you have extra seeds and plants to share, please let the club members know.
- B. If anyone has any door prizes that they would like to give away please bring them to us at the beginning of the meeting, this can be plants, seeds, etc.

X. Next meeting is on May 9<sup>th</sup>. Sharon Whalen is our speaker and will present on Hostas.

XI. Door prize drawing held.

XII. Other announcements

- A. Karla Rupiper announced the Papillion Jr. Woman's Club is hosting an Arbor Day celebration at Big Elk Recreation Area on April 28th at 1pm.

XIII. Meeting adjourned at 8:25pm.

Gardening events in the city are:

- Lauritzen Gardens-Washed Ashore-Art to Save the Sea, through 5-14-23.
- Earth Day Omaha at Elmwood Park, 4-22-23 from 11am to 6pm.
- Mens Garden Club of Omaha Plant Sale on 5-5 (4 to 8pm) and 5-6-23 (9am to 1pm), at Keystone Event Center, 7803 Military Ave, Omaha, NE. One of the vendors is River City Cactus who is bringing native and heirloom items
- Houseplant Swap at Bellevue Public Library on 5-12 from 2pm-4pm.
- Omaha Plant Sale at Douglas County Extension Office, 8015 W. Center Rd, Omaha, NE on May 13 from 9am to noon.

