

Garden Club Minutes
August 11, 2009

President - Kate Goodrich called the 203rd meeting of the Garden Club to order at 10:08am. After the Pledge of Allegiance, Kate enquired after any guests or new members. Guest and new members were introduced.

Program – Ellen Belford introduced Nicole Markatos, a fitness instructor. Nicole spoke on the importance of strength training as well as balance exercises.

Vice President – Pat Gooding read a piece entitled “Escapism is a Wonderful Life”.

Secretary – Joyce Hellmann read the minutes from the July Garden Club meeting. They were approved as read. A thank you note was read from Hannah Gaskins, one of the scholarship recipients.

Treasurer – Pat Booth announced that our balance as of August 11, 2009 is \$6,746.70. The report will be filed for review.

Committee Reports

Membership – JoAnn Grasso reported that there were 70 members present with 1 new member along with 6 guests. She then read the August birthdays.

Hospitality – Those who brought in pastries for this meeting were thanked and volunteers were asked for September’s meeting. Rita Ashley, Pat Gooding and Mary Donnelly volunteered.

Outreach and Pantry – Betty Tennant announced that \$76 was collected along with many school supplies for Union Elementary School. Canned goods will be collected to be given to The Pantry at September’s meeting.

Sunshine – No report

Historian/Publicity – No report

Landscaping – No report

Garden Club on the Go – Cheri Lambert informed the members of the Georgetown Plantation Riverboat Tour to be held on September 10th. The cost will be \$25 and can be dropped off at Cheri’s home or Joan Freidman’s. Those participating will meet at the Conference Center at 8:00am. It was then brought up that September 10th conflicts with STLGA’s member/member tournament. The date could possibly be changed to Tuesday, September 15th. Information will be in the newsletter as well as the calendar and on the banner.

Granny's Closet – No report

Unfinished Business

The “New Member Committee” has printed a brochure for new members containing information about the Garden Club. An October coffee, date to be determined, will be held for new members where officers and chairs will be present to explain their functions for the Garden Club. Barbara Kuhler will host this event.

Garden Club Cookbooks are still available for \$10. Contact Joan Scheidle if interested.

New Business

Pam Fisher told members that the theme for the Fashion Show being held on October 13th is “harvest of color”. The cost for this event is \$20. Slips were distributed for those wishing to form their tables of 8. Money and slips can be dropped off at Anita Clark’s home. Fliers will be distributed to other plantations and area merchants advertising this event.

Jo Ann Abrams asked for donations from the membership for the Chinese and Silent Auctions. It was also requested that members ask for donations from merchants whom they might frequent.

Anyone interested in forming a new cookbook committee is asked to inform Kate of their interest. This could possibly be a spring project.

To defray the increase of luncheon costs, the possibility of paying \$5 for the Make It Bake It Luncheon, being held on December 8th, was brought up. Kate asked members to think about this and a discussion and vote will be done in September.

September Program – Lillian Hugelmeyer will present a representative from Pampered Chef. Part of the proceeds will be given to the Garden Club.

50/50 – Won by Linda Baker.

With no further business the 203rd meeting of the Sea Trail Garden Club was adjourned at 11:33am.

Respectfully submitted,
Joyce M. Hellmann
Secretary