

Garden Club Minutes
July 14, 2009

President - Kate Goodrich called the 202nd meeting of the Garden Club to order at 10:05am. After the Pledge of Allegiance, Kate enquired after any guests or new members. Being none, she thanked Elaine Poston and MJ Goss for the wonderful job they did in organizing June's Garden Tour. She also thanked Betty Tennant and JoAnn Grasso as well as Elaine for volunteering their gardens for the tour.

Program – The first part of the program was the three recipients of Garden Club's scholarships reading their winning essays. Vice President, Pat Gooding introduced Rebecca Bennett, Hannah Gaskins and Emily Gore all from West Brunswick HS.

The second part was the history of Southport. Cheri Lambert introduced Pat Kirkman, president of the Southport Historical Society, who treated the members with information about Southport done in rhyme.

Vice President – Pat Gooding read a piece entitled "Two Days We Should Not Worry".

Secretary – Joyce Hellmann read the minutes from the June Garden Club meeting. They were approved as read. A thank you note was read by Pat Gooding from Rebecca Bennett.

Treasurer – Pat Gooding, in Pat Booth's absence, announced that our balance as of July 14, 2009 is \$8,214.31. The report will be filed for review.

Committee Reports

Membership – JoAnn Grasso read the June and July birthdays.

Hospitality – Hanneke Nagelkerke thanked those who brought in baked goods for this meeting. Kate Slavin and MJ Goss will be bringing items for August's meeting.

Outreach and Pantry – It was announced that Jeanne Deacon is the new co-chair for this committee replacing Nora Hickam. Donations of school supplies for Union Elementary will be accepted at August's meeting.

Sunshine – No report

Historian/Publicity – No report

Landscaping – No report

Garden Club on the Go – No report

Granny's Closet – No report

Unfinished Business

Garden Club Cookbooks are still available for \$10

New Business

Member, Elyse McLearn, is starting a new “Welcome to Garden Club” committee. Cheri Lambert, Lynn Russell and Kate Goodrich are also on this committee. The objective of this committee is manifold. First step is to create a brochure explaining the club’s committees and all of its workings. This will be presented to new members. Also, hold two coffees a year in the spring and fall. New members joining during the past year will be invited to hear first hand about the club from some of our seasoned members. Barbara Kuhler volunteered to have the 1st coffee which will be scheduled in the fall. Another item is to have a picture board of the newest members on hand at all of our meetings.

The Charity Auction and Fashion Show will be held on October 13th at the Carolina Conference Center. There will be a Chinese auction as well as a silent auction held before the lunch. Jeannine Coakley and Jo Anne Abrams are collecting donations for these auctions. Members can reserve their tables of 8 for the lunch. There will be more information at the August meeting.

If anyone is interested in creating a new cookbook for the club, contact President Kate.

The August 11th program will be presented by Nicole Markatos on strength training and balance exercises. Come to the meeting prepared to do some moving.

50/50 – Won by Inge Hickson.

With no further business the 202nd meeting of the Sea Trail Garden Club was adjourned at 11:07am.

Respectfully submitted,
Joyce M. Hellmann
Secretary