

RHODE ISLAND FEDERATION OF GARDEN CLUBS
MARCH 28, 2013—MINUTES
ROGER WILLIAMS PARK CASINO

The March meeting was called to order at 10:20 a.m. by Sandi Tinyk, president-elect, who thanked everyone for being present. Roll was called, and there was no correspondence. Since there were no additions or corrections to the January minutes, they were approved as published.

Adelaide Clifford, treasurer, reported:

- A checking account balance as of March 26, 2013, of \$19,367.47
- A balance in other accounts of \$100,234.74

There were no questions, so the report was filed for audit.

Sandi Tinyk, president-elect, reported:

- Judy Hager apologized for missing the meeting, thanked Sandi for standing in for her, and promised to see all at next month's annual luncheon and installation.
- Judy thanked Cathy, Sue, Priscilla, Sandi, Vicki, Vera and everyone else who put together the Flower Show.
- Judy requested that clubs who are celebrating significant anniversaries let her know before the Annual Luncheon.
- Calendar updates should be emailed to Holly so she can get them on the website.
- October 17, 2013, is the date for the next Education Day which will be held at the Botanical Center at Roger Williams Park.
- Some old display stands are for sale for \$5 and will be available at the end of June.
- Presidents should check out NGC website to see what needs to be included in the yearbooks.
- There will be a new National President and New England Regional President. Sandi will e-mail the new officers, NGC President's Projects and other materials to Holly, who will distribute this information to the clubs. Club presidents were advised to share this information with their yearbook editors, as books being entered for awards need to have this up-to-date information.
- April 15 is the deadline for garden club project applications, which should be emailed to Judy Hager at JHager@cox.net

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Annual Meeting – Vicki Iannuccillo reported:

- The Annual Meeting, Awards Luncheon, and Installation will be held on Thursday, April 25 at Twin River.
- Ruth Loiseau will present "From the White House to Your House" and will do 8 arrangements.
- April 15 is the deadline, and you don't have to be a club member to attend.
- Ticket refunds can be made until April 11.

Election of 2013-15 Officers – Vera Bowen, Nominating Committee chair, announced the slate of officers, who were subsequently elected:

- Sandi Tinyk – President
- Cathy Moore – 1st Vice President
- Blakely Szosz – 2nd Vice President
- Bernie Larivee – Treasurer

- Lisa Pollack – Recording Secretary
- Marnie Sandham – Corresponding Secretary

The new nominating committee will consist of:

- Holly Lippert
- Lois Hartley
- Gloria Westlake
- Doris Stevens (alternate)

Design Study – Cathy Moore announced:

- The Beginner's Design Study group will meet on April 3 at St. Matthew's Church, Jamestown, at 9:30 followed by the Advanced Design Study.
- Bring your container and a bag lunch if you want to stay for the Advanced Design.
- There will be another Beginner's Design Study group beginning in the fall, as well as Advanced Design.

Flower Shows/Schools – Sue Redden reported:

- Edgewood Garden Club will have a garden tour and standard flower show on June 15.
- The Judges' Council will meet on the first Monday in May.
- The passing of Marie Lasorsa.

Life Members – Gloria Westlake reported:

- A \$5,000 scholarship was awarded.

The new Life Member Board, which will be installed at the annual meeting, will consist of:

- B.J. Stevens – Chair
- Sharon Gainey – Vice Chair
- Cathy Moore – Recording Secretary
- Holly Lippert – Corresponding Secretary
- Bernie Larivee - Finance
- Marge DeAngelis - Membership

NEWS – Vera announced that it is on its way.

NEW BUSINESS

Western Cranston Garden Club is having an open meeting on Tuesday, April 9. The speaker will be Priscilla Puritan, and all are invited. It will be held at the Shepherd of the Valley Church in Scituate.

Adelaide reported that the raffle brought in \$9,212.

The Newport Flower Show, JADE: Eastern Obsessions, is June 21, 22, and 23. The schedule is on line at www.newportmansions.org/events/newport-flower-show

The May/June combined meeting will be on June 6.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 11:17 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Sharon M. Gainey, Recording Secretary