

September General Meeting

Nottingham Country Garden Club



September 7, 2023

The first general meeting of the 2023-2024 year was held at the MUD #81 Building located at 805 Hidden Canyon Rd., Katy TX 77450.

President-Anne-Marie Ingham opened the meeting at 11:03AM. She welcomed everyone and asked visitors to stand and introduce themselves. She also introduced visitor Nancy Giffhorn, President of the Houston Federation of Garden Clubs.

1VP of Programs-Janet White introduced today's speaker, Paula Furtwangler, Past President of the Plumeria Society of America. Paula gave a presentation on growing, propagating and storing plumerias in the Katy/Houston area.

Treasurer-Vikki Rogers gave the treasurer's report:

Beginning balance of \$5,481.65

Income 25.00

Expenses 365.00

Ending balance of \$5,141.65 (includes \$100 petty cash)

Vikki presented the budget as approved by the board. A vote was taken by the general membership, the motion to approve the budget was made by Cheryl Fawvor and seconded by Kathy Coleman, the general membership voted unanimously to approve the budget as presented.

Secretary-Cheryl Fawvor mentioned that the minutes from the previous meetings were recorded and will be on the website soon.

President-Anne-Marie thanked all the refreshment hostesses.

Historian-Kathy Coleman-Miller thanked members for their thoughts, prayers, visits, phone calls and meals during the recent death of her husband Joe Miller.

Federation Rep-Kirsten Williams detailed the Houston Federation meeting slated for tomorrow, Sept. 8. Their new meeting place is located at Faith Lutheran Church, 4600 Bellaire, Houston. If members would like to carpool, they can contact Kirsten. NCGC is providing refreshments for the Federation meeting.

Nottingham Country Garden Club is a non-profit garden club established in 1976 to serve the community through horticulture and environmental education.

Kirsten also reported that she has planned two field trips for this year. One in November to the Lavender Farms in Chappel Hill and then in March to the Azalea Trail in Houston. She also mentioned the Christmas and End-Of-Year Luncheons.

Christmas Luncheon-Jimmie Miller and Dorothy Sykes are planning the Christmas Luncheon along with Kirsten. It will be a late luncheon held at the Harvest Kitchen and Bakery, 336 S. Mason, Katy.

Membership-Laurel Gonzalez reported that we had 30 present for today's meeting and 58 paid members.

The Plant Shoppe-Dorothy Sykes reported that we generated \$30 in the Plant Shoppe today.

Raffles/Door Prizes-Bobbie Siegel and Jimmie Miller handed out the following gifts/prizes:

- Flowerbed plate decoration-Alice Brown and Shirley Parma
- Garden wall plaque-Maddy Gardner
- Bird feeder-Chris Rogers
- Flower centerpiece-Linda McCormick

Alice Brown mentioned there's a sign-up sheet for Monday's field trip to the home of Paula Furtwangler with limited seats.

Horticulture-Rachel Kelesoglou reported on the flower specimens today.

Janet White mentioned that October's program would feature Jay White, Owner and Publisher of Texas Gardener Magazine.

Maddy Gardner reported that we'll meet for lunch at Babin's, on Mason and I-10.

Anne-Marie adjourned the meeting at 12:31PM.