

**White City Garden Club Board Meeting
February 5, 2015 - Meeting Minutes
Held at Roberta Ekberg's Home**

Members present:

Roberta Ekberg, Danica Leibel, Maureen Wentz, Joy Dobson, Chuck Brumwell, Susanne Martin, Lorelei Hall.
Mavis Slack joined the meeting later in the evening.

Regrets: Arlene Janzen, Gail Mitchell.

1. Call to order at 7:10 pm

2. **Motion:** To adopt Feb 5th agenda as amended. M/S Susanne Martin/Chuck Brumwell

Deletions: Remove treasurer's report

Table the 2015 budget

Additions: Club contact for SHA

Discussion on Emerald Park flower bed

Printing Bookmarks to promote meetings

Amended agenda carried

3. **Motion:** To adopt the minutes for Jan 8th, 2015 M/S Joy Dobson/Lorelei Hall carried

Amendment 6. b.) Planters flyer to go out in spring

ACTION: These minutes will now be electronically posted to the WCGC website by Rhett Dobson.

4. Business arising from Jan 8th meeting:

a.) reforestation seminar – two evenings or two sessions on Sat am and pm

Topic: replacing trees lost to last summer's storm, what to plant, where to plant & possibly pruning trees to protect from high winds

Date Sat April 25 or Sat May 9th or two consecutive Wed. evenings if we have local speaker. Ramada is available for 75 people - \$300. Considering coordinating with Indian Head, one or two speakers

Darcy Shank has given tentative yes, Kelvin Kelly is an arborist near Saskatoon, there are 3 other names from the Saskatoon area that maybe possible speakers, approx \$250 for speaker from away, pre-registration necessary, lunch maybe required

Ruth Anne Rudack is the contact in Indian Head. Roberta will check on cancellation policy with the Ramada, discussion regarding the cost possibility of \$25 members \$40 non-members, this will need to be confirmed. Roberta has lots of local contacts for speakers

Susanne's neighbour is offering trees for a donation to Breast Cancer.

Motion: WCGC sponsor a reforestation seminar on the tentative date of April 25 at Ramada with speakers to be confirmed. M/S Susanne Martin/Joy Dobson carried

Joy has offered to help to get organized

5. Business arising from AGM

a.) Funds from pancake breakfast – ideas are park bench, tree seminar

Action: Arlene to bring up the idea of park bench donation to the town at the next park and rec meeting to gather more information

6. Financial report tabled to next meeting

7. Updates for 2014 committees

a.) **2015 Garden Tour** – 5 confirmed, 3 waiting response

For those people showing their gardens we had offered free membership however there was some miscommunication and it was difficult to determine what we meant, therefore Joy will apologize to those already confirmed and offer the following,

Motion: WCGC board support that free memberships for 2016 instead of 2015 (double or single) will be offered to those people with gardens participating in the garden tour; for subsequent garden tours in 2016 and beyond, the free double or single membership for participants would be for the following year.

M/S Joy Dobson/Maureen Wentz Carried

b.) Programming – Jackie Bantel from Saskatoon to come and talk April 2016. Topic: Bugs and diseases affecting your Garden. approximate cost of \$250

8. New Business

a.) Committee Structure for 2015

Programming/Education – Joy Dobson, Lorelei Hall, Roberta Ekberg (chair)

Hospitality - Gail Mitchell, Vivian Kumick, Sharon Charleson, Donnaleen Bowns.

Roberta will ask Gail if she would chair this committee.

(Joy Dobson as membership coordinator will work registration desk)

Communication/Publicity – Chuck Brumwell (chair), Susanne Martin (posters),
Isabelle Ladwig (newsletter), Shirley Tuttosi (newsletter),
Rhett Dobson (web master), Lorelei Hall (posters)

Flowerbeds – Susanne Martin (chair), Mavis Slack, Vivian Kumick, Sharon Charleson, Eleanor Graham, Donnaleen Bowns, Danica Leibel, Becky Trenker, Arlene Janzen

Community Service – Lorelei (chair), Roberta Ekberg, Arlene Janzen

Fundraising – Joy Dobson (chair), Susanne Martin, Arlene Janzen

b.) Decision on final month for newsletter to non-renewed members will be March

M/S Joy Dobson/Chuck Brumwell carried

c.) Key for the church go to Foster, we are in discussion with James and Rebecca and waiting their reply
Need to determine if we have paid for this years sessions,

Action: Mavis will ask Arlene if we need to pay or sign a new contract

d.) Feb. educational meeting planning – speaker host – Joy

Lorelei to work door and will find out if Arlene will work as well, Mavis and Susanne will work out who will have the key and be there at 6:30, Mavis will back up refreshments if Gail is not available.
Mavis will look after door prize.

March meeting needs a speaker host – Susanne to host

e.) Description of relationship with parks and rec. – Spoke with Carla Ferstle, Arlene is our parks and rec. rep. and is willing to stay on as WCGC garden club rep and is also the Vice president of Parks and Rec board, any member can go to meetings the first Tuesday of the month at town office

f.) Carpooling to Gardenscape in Saskatoon, Roberta will send emails to those going if more people respond

g.) Board Meeting schedule for 2015 will continue to be the Thursday before educational meeting

March 5th will be next meeting at Joy Dobson's
April date will be determined due to Good Friday

- h.) Should newsletter editors receive the board minutes? Yes the minutes will be sent to Izzy and Shirley with the understanding that the minutes have not yet been approved and there needs to be a connection with the board so the newsletter can be reviewed before publication
- i.) Ladies Night Out was successful and our silent auction item went for \$40.00
Lorelei to find out who won the silent action item. With permission, notice of winner could be published in newsletter.
- j.) Email voting is very difficult and we need to discourage it as it is good to discuss around the table at a board meeting
- k.) Guidelines for emails (board and general membership) & confidentiality issues
We need authorization for sending the newsletter, privacy regulations, need to add wording to our application form to cover this authorization.
ACTION: Joy will look into the requirements for privacy regarding emailing
- l.) Contact for SHA and email contact on website will be a new gmail account
ACTION: Lorelei will get a gmail account set up for the WCGC which will allow herself and others to access the account
- m.) Susanne has created a Bookmark with upcoming events, decision to go with poster board to print for library and membership, **ACTION:** Susanne will do the printing of these and will have ready for next educational meeting.
- n.) Emerald Park flower beds – Jim Sigmeth, EP maintenance foreman, is asking for clarification of what discussions went on with RM leading to decision of RM taking total responsibility for Emerald Park flowerbeds.
ACTION: Susanne will call Jim to discuss how we should move forward.

Next meeting at Joy Dobson's March 5th she will send details at a closer date

- o.) Should we continue with toonie draw? Postpone discussion till next meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 9:20.