

Garden Clubs of Idaho, Inc.

4th Fall Board Meeting

Ashley Inn, Cascade, ID

October 6, 2014

The GCII Fall Board Meeting was called to order by President Janet Petersen at 10:10 am.

Pledge of Allegiance (Gerry Wisdom)

Invocation (Linda Carter-Beck) "Garden Clubs Mission Statement"

Welcome (Carole Hearne)

Roll Call. Seventeen (17) were present. The Chair declared a quorum. A new garden club has formed in the Southwest District: "Chinden Gardeners".

Appointments: Committee to approve Minutes – Pat Peutz, Jodene Caldwell; Timekeeper – Lynnda Gilbert; Tellers – Inez Thomason, Janice Zabriskie.

Minutes of the October 2013 Board Meeting were approved as circulated.

President's Report. President Janet Petersen reported on NGC Fall Board meeting in Des Moines, Iowa including several garden tours and many on-going projects and activities of NGC as covered by NGC President Linda Nelson. The NGC Board of Directors met and voted on changes to the standing rules and discussed a Bylaw amendment that would increase the NGC dues to \$1.00 (an increase of 50¢). If passed by the National Convention in the spring, it would go into effect June 2016. Some proposals approved were: A Blue Star pin and the NGC membership pin, retail \$10 each. A scholarship named in honor of Linda Nelson. The educational booklet "Ecology Warrior" will be e-mailed to all members. Clubs are invited to enter the "Membership Is . . ." photo contest. Check the NGC website under the Youth tab – Youth Release form used for the contest.

NGC President-elect Sandy Robinson was invited to our GCII Convention in McCall 2015 but is unable to come. She has the GCII 2016 Convention in her schedule. Pacific Region Director Kristie Livire was also invited to McCall but cannot attend.

President Janet solicited articles and event dates to be submitted to the *Gem State Gardeners* by Nov. 1. Janet noted that the GCII website has been updated by Allen Deitz. Members were encouraged to refer to Pacific Region and NGC websites also.

GCII is in desperate need of a Vice President to serve with Prez Janet. *Choices Matter. We All Live Downstream.*

Treasurer's Report (Janice Zabriskie, acting Treasurer). Balance as of October 6 2014: Checking 5477.45; Passbook \$9923.10; CD \$25,919.04. The Treasurer's Report was placed on file.

Reports of District Directors - Clearwater (Jodene Caldwell); Southeast (Janice Zabriskie); Southwest (Pat Peutz).

Reports of Committee Chairs: Arboretum, Blue Star*, Awards**, Butterflies, Facebook, Growing Garden Clubs, NGC/Pacific Region projects: protect air, water, land, forests, wildlife***. Nominating Committee. Penny Pines (\$68 will sponsor the tree planting area). Xeriscaping.

*Louisa encouraged clubs to consider sponsoring a Blue Star Marker: There are now 9 Byway markers and 5 large Blue Star Markers in the state of Idaho. Cost \$450 + 50 shipping; \$1350 + shipping. Cost of refurbishing old markers is \$800.

**Sandra Ford gave the Awards report (see GCII website for list)

***Club Presidents: send project to Janet as related to this Pacific Region Project.

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The meeting recessed at 11:50am.

12 Noon – Invocation (Long Valley Gardeners), Lunch, Door Prizes

The meeting reconvened at 1:06 pm. (Guest Speaker did not show up.)

Unfinished business

- Sandra Ford reported on the 2014 Pacific Region convention and noted the 2018 PR Convention will meet in Hawaii.
- GCII has allocated \$1000 to the club who will sponsor the series of classes for the Gardening Study School.

New Business

- Janice Zabriskie moved that we reduce the cost of the remaining GCII ornaments to \$15. Seconded and carried.
- Ways and Means. T-shirts and note cards are available for sale. “Changing the World One Garden at a Time”.
- Zone 4 Magazine will donate \$5.00 to GCII for every subscription (see order forms).

Announcements

- SW District State Convention (Pat Peutz, Lynnda Gilbert) – McCall, June 14-16, 2015
- *Gem State Gardeners* articles due by November 1.
- Awards are due Dec. 1 to Pat Baker
- Pacific Region Convention, April 20-22, 2015, Eugene Oregon
- National GC Convention May 14-17, 2015 Louisville, KY.

Meeting adjourned at 2:20 pm.

Joyce Parr, GCII Recording Secretary

Attested to:

Jodene Caldwell 10/22/2014

Pat Peutz 10/26/2014