



**White Rock and District Garden Club
March 9 2021
General meeting
Minutes**

President Diane Kew called the meeting to order at 1:59 pm. She welcomed everyone and thanked Linda Bradley for volunteering to take Membership Chair and Pat Catton for volunteering to take Secretary position.

Program Chair introduced Speaker Randal Atkinson (nevernotgardening.com). His topic was "Getting Ready for Spring"

President's Report Diane Kew. A card was sent to Claire. Colleen will be moving to Chilliwack and consequently the Club will need someone to do Publicity and the Buddy program. Diane thanked the Website committee for developing the survey and Tim and Patti for the St. Patrick's Day Cup.

Past President's Report. Mary Openshaw reported she has increased the number of people doing the Weekly Wednesday . Mary has attended the zoom presentations put on by Quadra Island group. The list of speakers is in the BC Council for Garden Clubs Newsletter. Our club will be giving a donation. Mary reported there are no volunteers for Vice-President and she is looking for suggestions. Melanie notes she is sending out a Weekly Wednesday on pruning.

Treasurer's Report. Tim Roark reported all bills have been paid and payments deposited. Coast Capital required a fee of \$25. for a \$25. wire transfer so we need to find another way. Frances enquired regarding payment for Randal. Tim will check and let Frances know.

Current balance is \$2825.16 plus investments at Coast Capital.
Bev offered to do the \$25 wire transfer.

Membership Report. Linda Bradley reported there has been one enquiry regarding the club which has been followed up.

Newsletter Report. John Davidson reported that the survey did not work for everyone's differing computers. Website committee will look into the best way to do a

survey in the future. Survey was due March 8th but members can still send in their responses.

Plant Sale Report. Terry Haight reported that Linda, Patti and Donna will be making 28 baskets. Linda has about 15 baskets and is looking for more. Terry has secured the parking lot at the Ocean Park Hall for this year's sale. There will be strict covid protocol. Orders will be taken on line and people will not be getting out of their car to pick up the plants. Let Mary know if you have plants to donate. There will only be 6 vehicles at one time in the parking lot. Payment will be exact cash or cheque. No change. The hall has been reserved for 2022 with this year's deposit. The club will give a donation for using the parking lot. Terry has lots of pots if anyone needs any.

Plants Plus Report. Joyce O'Brien reports she had 16 books donated. She has 3 ceramic pots for sale and will let members know on email. Joyce appreciated the card she received from the club.

Programs Report. Frances O'Grady has been looking at possible locations for an outing. Dart's Hill is one suggestion. It requires a \$5/person charge ahead of time in order to have a guide. Melanie suggested that we pick a date and send out an email to see how many people would be interested.

Website Committee Report. Bev Sass reported that the Committee received 24 surveys from club members. The winner of the dahlia donated by Mary was Donna Lawson. The committee will sort out issues regarding the survey.

Website committee members reported on their role with Social media.

- 1) Melanie is responsible for Twitter. She Posts 3 to 4 pictures a week.. She is also involved in populating the calendar on the website regarding garden tips for the month.
- 2) Marilyn looks after Facebook. She posts pictures once a month to 2 times a week. If members have pictures they can send them to her and she will post them.
- 3) Margrit looks after Instagram and the Events Calendar. On the events calendar, members can click on an event and more information will open up., She is always looking for ideas from members.
- 4) Bev showed how to go to social media from the club's website using symbols at the top of the screen. You do not need to join the social media site to look at the items posted there. If you have pictures from a phone or tablet, you can send them to parlourshow@whiterockgardenclub.ca so they can be posted on the various social media sites.
- 5) Mary is involved with proof reading and plant identification. She has also created videos. She thanked Bev for all her help with the website and social media.

Plant of the Month. Lime marmalade heuchera was won by John Davidson

St Patrick's Day Cup. Patti Wolczuk announced the winners:

Originality – Mary Openshaw

- Honorable mention to Melanie Rantucci and Christine Sun
Flavour of Ireland – Marilyn Murphy
-Honorable Mention Melanie Rantucci and Bev Sass

Quality of Design – Bev sass
-Honorable Mention Melanie Rantucci and Michelle palmer

Thanks were expressed to Patti and Tim for this event.

New Business

1) BC Council of Garden Clubs meeting. Delegates are needed. Mary is one possibility depending on her schedule.

2) Spring Flower Show. Usually held in April. Diane will confirm with Donna. The show schedule is on the website

Approval of the Feb. 9 2021 Regular Meeting Minutes moved by Patti Wolczuk and seconded by Marilyn Murphy.

Meeting was adjourned.