

GCI Fall Board Meeting

October 5, 2015 - Boise ID

The meeting of the Garden Clubs of Idaho, Inc. was called to order by President Janet Petersen at 9:30 a.m., October 5, 2015, at the Extension Office, Boise ID.

Pledge of Allegiance – Linda Halstead.

Invocation – Claudia Hambacker: GCI's Mission Statement.

President Janet welcomed the group and introduced Kristie Lirveri, our Pacific Region Director and Sandy Ford, Past PR Region Director, Past GCI President, National Nominating Advisory Committee, PR Unified Project Chairman, and Backyard Habitat Chairman for GCI. GCI Officers and District Directors were introduced.

Roll Call: Thirty (30) members were present. The Chair declared a quorum. A new club has formed in southern Idaho: "By Trowel and Error".

Committee to approve minutes: Linda Carter-Beck, Happy Ford, Jodene Caldwell; Time Keepers: Laurie DuRocher, Maggie Williamson; Tellers: Greg Hambacker, Peter Petersen.

Reading of the Minutes. The minutes of the GCI Fall Board Meeting, October, 2014 were approved as read.

Reports: GCI President Janet Petersen. Theme: *"We all live downstream. Choices Matter. Grow Organic."* "Leap into Action" is the theme of NGC President Sandy Robinson. ● Protecting our planet Earth: we need to start in our own backyards, i.e. review your use of chemicals, research new methods of control, how to dispose of chemicals. ● The new garden club By Trowel and Error in Nampa has 11 members. ● Janet reviewed the many community projects by our clubs in Idaho. ● The "Rose Buds" Garden Club in Nezperce was recognized and gardening with youth strongly encouraged. ● Give your attention to recruiting new members.

Treasurer's report (Janice Zabriskie). Total cash and bank accounts: \$48,332.02. The report will be place on file.

District Director Reports: Jodene Caldwell (for Lorraine Smith) – Clearwater; Linda Carter-Beck – Southeast; Happy Ford (for Kerry Norris) – Southwest.

Committee Chair Reports. Awards, Backyard Wildlife Habitat* , Flower Show Schools, Gem State Gardener, Leadership Chairman, Membership/Affiliates; NGC President's Project – "Service in Action", Pacific Region Director Project: "Look to the Garden through the Eyes of a Child – A Kaleidoscope of Possibilities", Penny Pines, Pollinators, Scholarship, Ways and Means , Webmaster.

*Sandra Ford, Chairman, Backyard Wildlife Habitat. "Garden for Wildlife" The program's mission – providing food, water, shelter and places to raise young for birds and wildlife. Cost to register your certified backyard is \$35. (Refer to handout provided to all Club Presidents to register on line Sept 30-Dec 31.) "If you have Autumn Joy Sedum, Asters, zinnias, Chrysanthemums, dahlias, Monarda or Bee Balm growing your yard, you already have a Pollinator Garden. Trees and shrubs, bird feeders, water or birdhouses, you can register your yard as a wildlife habitat."

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Louisa Cone commented on the 2015 Guidelines for Blue Star Memorial Markers, and for the new Gold Star Families Memorial Markers (pamphlet). If your Blue Star marker is in need of revitalizing, the cost is \$900 (plus UPS costs to send it in). Louisa also reported that all Appaloosa ornaments have been sold.

Claudia Hambacker reported the committee to review the Bylaws will be working to have a draft ready for the 2016 GCII Annual Meeting.

Pacific Region Director. Kristie Lirveri. Theme. “Look to the Garden through the Eyes of a Child” “A Kaleidoscope of Possibilities”

New Business.

Leadership Seminar June 27 by Robin Pokorski. One day 30 page leadership book. \$250 to other groups – no charge for garden clubs. Cost to you \$10 to pay for room rental and printing of the booklet. Robin is fun and energetic. You don’t want to miss this one.

Memorial Chairman. Edith Cole is retiring as Memorial Chairman as of next year. If anyone is interested in filling this position for the 2017 year please let President Janet know.

Nita Broomhall gave a convention financial report: \$2654.14 net; 1/3 to GCII, 2/3 to host District.

Invocation – Happy Ford. Recess for lunch.

Program “Saving Our Pollinators – How Can I help” – Judy Snow.

Announcements.

Corrections to the Blue Book: Merry Tillers: Maggie Williamson, President; Carol Delaney, Vice President; Laurie Durocher, Secretary.

Idaho Gourd Society Festival – GCII will have a booth October 24, 25, 2015 Wyndham Events Center, Boise.

November 1 is the deadline for the Gem State Gardeners.

Pacific Region Convention April 5-7, 2016 Henderson, Nevada

National Garden Clubs Convention May 2-7, 2016 Grand Rapids, Michigan

Boise NGC Judges Symposium – May 18-20, 2016

GCII Annual Meeting in Orofino at the Rivers Edge Lodge June 12-14, 2016 hosted by Clearwater District. Our National President Sandy Robinson will be attending.

Adjournment.

Joyce Parr, GCII Recording Secretary

Attested to:

Linda Carter-Beck 10/24/2015

Happy Ford

Jodene Caldwell 10/16/2015

Websites: National Garden Clubs, Inc. www.gardenclub.org User: member, Password: flight

Pacific Region: www.pacificregiongardenclubs.org User: Board, Password: Child

Garden Clubs of Idaho, Inc. www.gci.org

Handouts/Folder for Club Presidents – *please share these with your members.*

Commitment to Garden for Wildlife – *get your backyard certified.*

2015-17 NGC President's Special Project "Service in Action"

NGC President's Special Project Awards (list) 2015-2017

Bee a Wildlife Action Hero

The Million Pollinator Garden Challenge

Wild Birds Unlimited "Hobby Guide"

National Wildlife Federation: Attracting Wildlife, Pollinator Gardening, Create a Bird-friendly Habitat, Neighbor-friendly Wildlife Gardening, Attract Butterflies, Amphibian Decline, Bird Feeders

Skagit Gardens, Plants for Pollinators

Butterfly and Hummingbird Gardens