**Town & Country Garden Club Membership Meeting Minutes**

**Community/Senior Center**

**March 8, 2023**

**Social gathering** **with refreshments** **5:30-6:00 pm**

**Business meeting** **6:01-6:30 pm** with 15 members present

**Minutes** from the February 8, 2023 meeting were approved without correction. Motion to accept was made by Josie Schmidt and seconded by Arline Shanley

**Treasurer’s Report** – Joy Kopesky

Current balance is $6,263.65

Joy told members that because the club is a 501C3 organization we have a tax exempt form that members should use when buying items for club use. Josie will send out the form electronically to all members.

If anyone wants to buy something online for the club they should let Joy know the specifics and she will order and have the items sent to the club member.

**Miscellaneous:**

~Chris Lincoln welcomed everyone to the meeting and thanked the hostesses, Margareta Kotch, Alexis Capaldo and Holly Walczak, for the coffee and treats. She also announced the March birthdays wishing those members a happy birthday.

~Chris welcomed new member, Hillary Goldstein, to the club. Hillary spoke about her family and her love for gardening. She is excited to help with our civic projects, especially the traffic islands! Welcome Hillary!

~**Installation of Officers dinner** will be held at Sal e Pepe on June 14 at 6pm.

**Committee Reports:**

**Upcoming Events** –

1. **Outreach events –** Gail Diminico announced the following events which will be described in the March Newsletter:
	1. **March 26 –** Invasive plant removal at Holcomb Forest

**April 22 –** Lose the litter day – meet at Newtown Middle School at 9am

* 1. **April 22 –** Earth Day celebration at Newtown Middle School – 10am-4pm

We will have a table at the Middle School on Earth Day for the first time. The plan is to have something special for kids and something for adults to buyl; therefore, accomplishing two things - to participate in a major town civic event and, at the same time, hopefully make money for Ways & Means.

 To sign up for any or all of these events email Gail or Jan. See handbook for addresses.

1. **Conservation** – a printout was placed on each table for members to read.

Horticulture – Barbara O’Connor reported the presence of a species of worm called the “Jumping Worm” or “Snake Worm”. There is a printout that tells all about them. Please email Barbara if you didn’t get one and would like one.

 3. **Ways and Means** – Chris Lincoln for Peggy Fillion - Members of the committee will meet on March 15th at Peggy’s home at 11:30 am.

1. **Newsletter –** Josie Schmidt Members should take photos of their gardens when they have something beautiful to share. Please send them to Josiein an email or text**.**

**New Business**

**Field Trip** on June 28 to Elizabeth Park Rose Gardens. More info to follow.

**Flower Arranging Workshop** on April 6 at the CHBooth Library. More info to follow.

**Exhibits**

Artistic Designs: Line or Line Mass

Exhibitors were Arline Shanley and Judy Beers. Both received a Blue.

**6:45pm - Program**

**Gardening for Birds and Wildlife** presented by Karla A. Dalley

Meeting adjourned at 7:35pm

Respectfully submitted by Judy Beers, Recording Secretary