COLUMBUS GARDEN CLUB
Minutes for 9/12/2018 Meeting
119 Veterans Drive
Columbus, TX 789334

Meeting was called to order at 10:00 a.m. in the following order:

- Mary Jane Moore, President Opening Exercise
- Robbie Showers, Prayer by Chaplain
- Faith Taylor led Pledge of Allegiance
- Cheryl Rose led the Club Prayer
- Brenda Boehm led the Club Pledge

Speaker was introduced by Debbie Braden. Karen Schobel's presentation was very informative regarding nutrition explaining the Juice Plus program inspiring healthy living, describing in great detail the Tower Garden and its total savings in costs under the title "Grow Good Health". Even though the presentation was long, every member totally enjoyed the program about plants, vegetables and good health. An excellent speaker. Contact: Karen Schobel, Certified L.E.A.N. Health Coach; web site address www.kkschobel.juiceplus.com and www.kkschobel.towergarden.com.

- Debbie Braden presented Mary Jane Moore with a decorative step-stool from Janice Neumann, Andea Utz, Florence Crews, Robbie Showers, and Lynn Showers and Janet Johnson (not present). Mary Jane's height does not allow her the luxury of standing at the podium unless she is standing on a step-stool.
- Welcome New Members or Guests – Velma Harrington. Lynda Counts brought Donna High, a neighbor. Members returning to the CGC: Delores Purcell (mentor: Susan Peletz), Faith Taylor (mentor: Martha Jordan), Margaret Golla (mentor: Pawne Blomquist). New Members: Heidi Heinshon May (mentor: Velma Harrington), Jennifer Newman (mentor: Lynn Showers), J.R. Atey and Judy Kota (mentor: Robbie Showers), Cassandra Schaeffer (no mentor requested). Total present in today's meeting: 34
- Reading of September Birthdays – Florence Crews (page 219)
- Debbie Branden thanked today's hostesses – Pawne Blomquist, Bonnie Halkett, Faith Taylor, Velma Harrington, Lynda Counts, and Barbara Hohensee.
- Robbie Showers had prayer for Lynn Showers who was in an accident during Colorado County annual parade day.
- Mary Jane Moore presented to Ginner Fehrenkamp two recognitions from District IV for being a club member for 60 years and recognizing Ginner who was age 90 but now she will be 92 her next birthday.
- Minutes from August 2018 meeting was read by Martha Jordan and approved by Cheryl Rose and seconded by Lynda Counts.

Treasurer's Report – Andrea Utz the following bank balances since May for the discretionary scholarship account: June = $5,447.65; July and August = $4,402.65. The quilt sales will be deposited into this account. Current cash balance since May $19,027.86, June $20,263.42, July $19,280.55, and August $18,595.77. The Colorado County Fair gave to CGC a check for $100.00.

Reports of Officers / Committee Chair –

- Robbie Showers (Chair for quilt raffle) past out pictures of the quilt for the Scholarship Fund. She encouraged everyone to get their tickets, fill out the stubs and return in the assigned envelopes with your check or money from the sale of the tickets. The deadline is November.
- Andrea Utz – memorial donation made in the name of Fay Elliott plus Sharon Wegenhoft donated $50.00. Fay Elliott was a past President 1978-1980. Betty Gills and her daughter, Cindy Schneider donated $25.00 in her memory.
    1. Mary Jane Moore (Chair) went over her list recognizing the Columbus Garden Club's placing many times during the Colorado County Fair days as follows:
       Marian Schonenberg – Horticulture, Reserve Champion, Best of Section and 5 blue ribbons. Photography – Reserve Best of Show, 3 blue ribbons and 3 red ribbons.
       Sharon Heimann – Country Quilt awards, 11 blue ribbons, 4 Best of Section, Grand Champion and Reserve Champion.
       Cassie Schaeffer – Clothing & Textile, 2 blue ribbons, Grand Champion and Reserve Champion, Fine Arts, 2 blue ribbons, Best of Show and Reserve Best of Show.
       Janet Johnson – Photography, 4 red ribbons second, 1 blue ribbon first.
       (She also showed the 1 red ribbon for the Club's 2nd place float.)
       Columbus Garden Club – placed 2nd in the parade. American Legion, Schulenberg – 1st place.
- Discussion and action to approve the original requested budget amount of $300.0 for the float and Fair Ground is itemized as follows:
    1. Contributions received: CCFA $100 – Debbie $50-Andrea $10-Charlene $10-Plant sold at the Fair $15-Janet plant collectible $10-Chris $20-Plant sold at the meeting $10-Debbie plant sold $10 = **$235.00 total donations/collections. Total original Float and Fairground Decorations expenses were $495.72.**
       $495.72 less $235.00 = $260.72 will be taken out of CGC budget.
       The original $300.00 approved request will be reduced because the Club members will be selling the are selling the plants that were used in the decorations to cover for the expenses and whatever is left will go back to the General Fund when all plants are sold.
- Club members taught the kids about farming for a day and planted seeds for them to take home and take care of at the Fairground.

Special Meeting – None – Everyone is invited to join the members at Schobel's Restaurant after meeting.

Unfinished Business –

- Discussion and action to remove the proposed budget for the Nesbitt Memorial Library. The Library is no longer a project of the Columbus Garden Club. All voted 'yes'.
- Discussion and action to approve the proposed budget for 2018-2019. Velma Harrington made the motion and Susan Peletz seconded; approved.
- Pages 100 – 227 are to be reprinted and distributed in the October meeting. Other pages were identified to be reprinted; e.g. incorrect fiscal year on approved budget.
- Grants Applications Proposed and approved –
    1. Repainting of 60 yr old Blue Star Marker and redoing the Blue Star Garden flower bed- $1,000.00.
    2. Sprinkler System repair- $600.00
    3. Trash Off (2019)- $2,500.00
    4. Trash Can around the sitting area of the Court House – no cost at this time

5. Legion Park Landscaping; flower pots- $1,000.00

- Discussion and action for the ratification of our Associate Membership.
  Associate membership: It currently stated as, 'Past Presidents who pay annual dues and are listed as "Associates" in the annual Yearbook. They can vote but not hold office. Attendance and participation in all Club activities are welcomed. The associate members are not expected to be on a committee". **Proposed Amendment**: *New – Associate Membership are those members who wish to continue participating in the Club, but for reasons of health are unable to fulfill membership responsibilities. Annual dues will remain the same. They can vote and participate in all Club activities but cannot hold office. Motion was made by Lynda Counts and seconded by Charlene Morrison to accept the change in the Constitution and the By-Laws.*

New Business –

- HFGC 2018 Christmas Gala Chair is Mary Jane Moore. HFGC is now relocated to across the street of Rice University on Sunset Blvd; the Methodist Church.
- Mary Jane Moore has tickets for our members who want to attend the Gala in Houston on 12/14/18 and the tickets are $30/each. She has a deadline and if you are making plans she recommends that you purchase the tickets as quickly as possible. Once they are gone there will be no more tickets.
- Mary Jane Moore asked the membership about helping with the decoration and decided it was just too much at this time for members to get involved in their invitation and declined.
- Discussion and action to set a budget for the decorations was not discussed.
- Nomination Committee Chair – Martha Jordan moved her presentation to the October meeting.

1. Pick up and return quilt drawing tickets.
2. Pick up your Yearbook.
3. Houston Federation Garden Club's Newsletter is downloaded on the Columbus Garden Club's website for you to download: www.columbusgardenclub.wix.com/texas
4. Brookwood Volunteer September 19th from 8:30 – noon; wear your apron.
5. Native Plant Landscape workshop at 8:00 a.m., 9/22/18 in Houston

There being no further business, a motion was made to adjourn by Cassie and seconded by Chris Schobel.

Respectfully Submitted,

M Jordan

Martha Jordan
Recording Secretary

Subject: Fair Picture

From: Mary Jane Moore (mooremj57@aol.com)

To: vince@coloradocountycitizen.com;

Date: Wednesday, September 12, 2018 3:25 PM

Vince, these are the awards of the ladies of the garden club received.

From left to right; Marian Schonenberg- Horticulture, Reserve champion, best of section and 5 blue ribbons. Photography- Reserve best of show, 3 blue ribbons and 3 red ribbons.
Sharon Heimann- country Quilts awards, 11 blue ribbons, 4 best of section, Grand champion and reserve champion.
Cassie Schaeffer - Clothing & Textile- 2 blue ribbons, Grand champion and reserve champion, Fine Arts- 2 blue ribbons, Best of Show and reserve best of show.
Janet Johnson- photography, 4 Red 2nd and 1 blue 1st.
Janet is also holding the red ribbon for our 2nd place float.