Homer Garden Club

Membership Meeting at Aspen Hotel and via Zoom

March 19, 2023

Business meeting called to order by President Kathy Dube’

Announcements – Brenda: Alaska Master Gardener’s Conference in Anchorage April 7th and 8th. Jan: March 30 will be presentation by USDA in conjunction with Soil & Water Conservation on invasive species being held at KPC Homer.

Secretaries Report – Kathy: Minutes of last meeting in the newsletter, nothing else to report.

Treasurers Report – Louise: Total of $26,832.14 in Club accounts; moved $10,000 to $15,000 into the Money Market.

Committee Reports

Gardeners Weekend – Francie: Scheduled for July 16 with 5 unique and beautiful gardens. Tickets are $15 and will be for sale on June 1 and at the Plant Sale. Looking for volunteers, Annie has a sign-up sheet. The after party will be Tuesday evening July 18 for garden owners, volunteers, BOD and guests; location will be announced next month. We have chosen to not have a speaker this year. Members of the committee are Annie Oberlitner, Francie Roberts, Nicky Szarzi, Patti Jay, Ruth Dickerson and Susan McLane. Reach out to any of them for volunteer opportunities for the garden tours.

Speakers – Jan: April will be Jason Davis from Sweetgale Meadworks, for May we’ll have Beth Van Sandt to speak on Peonies, growing and propagation. For next October looking to put together a panel of guests for gardening Q &A; would like 4 or 5, if anyone is interested in being on the panel, contact Jan Peyton.

Baycrest Garden – Brenda: We will work on the garden May to October, need volunteers to work in pairs once a week for weeding and maintenance, please let Brenda know if you’d like to volunteer. The spring cleaning will happen May 13, the week before the plant sale.

Plant Sale – Kathy: Will be May 20th at the Chamber office.

Social – Kathy: Michael has volunteers signed up for snacks for the next 2 meetings.

Data Base – Barb: We have 118 members. Francie: Looks like we still have the largest garden club in the state.

Charitable Giving Workgroup – Kathy: Finalization is still ongoing.

Kathy adjourns business meeting

Jan Peyton introduces Lindsay Olsen, co-owner of Spinnaker Sea Farms, a seaweed farm in Jakolof Bay.