

## **Meeting Minutes**

**Initiation Meeting, May 4, 2017; 5:30 P.M.**

**Cranberry Sample Schoolhouse and Cranberry Library**

**24 present**

The Initiation Ceremony began at 5:30 P.M., led by Past President Melody Hannegan. Second Vice President Sandy Werderich introduced the three initiates: Judy Horne (Shaler Area, retired) and Norma Miller (Allegheny Valley, retired)—both sponsored by Sandy Werderich—and Jeanne Vendeland (Avonworth, retired), sponsored by Paulette Hemmings. President Faith Jack and Corresponding Secretary Peg Maser also took parts in the ceremony.

After the ceremony, President of the Cranberry Township Historical Society Roy Wagner told us the history of the building.

We then moved to a room in the library building for the rest of the evening. Faith opened the business meeting at 6:15. Sallie Fischer read the Inspiration, “The Soul of a Child”. Ellen Rodwick sold raffle tickets for the summer basket donated by Nancy Penney.

Minutes from the March 4 Tri-Chapter business meeting were approved as printed in the April newsletter.

Peg Maser read four notes: Nu Chapter for the donation in memory of Pat Shedlock, State President Tracey Dusch’s Projects Chair, Shari McGill thanking everyone for cards and get well prayers, Urban Impact Education Team for our donation of books for their reading program, and from State President Tracey Dusch thanking us for our hospitality during her visit. Peg also sent notes related to the Tri-chapter meeting, to Linda Peffer, to Shari McGill, and to Phyllis Jenny.

Treasurer Marg Foster reported a balance on hand of \$4,085.30, which includes a CD that was not renewed since interest rates are so low.

Paulette Hemmings, First Vice President and Program Chair announced members of the Program Committee and discussed an offer we got for another food tour of Brookline or the Strip District at half price. Watch for an e-mail blast in the future. Terry Klein spoke about outings that may be offered in the future.

Faith discussed revealing ourselves to our Secret Sister. She will send a survey regarding the program, which we tried this year for the first time.

The Standing Rules committee: Melody Hannegan discussed three changes that the committee recommended:

1. Voting for new members (Oral vote; paper ballot if there is not a clear distinction)
2. Sharing expenses for the State President’s visits—all chapters involved should contribute equally
3. Budgeting for non-member presenters to remain at \$300 per year

Melissa Consentino-Poruben seconded the motion from the committee to accept the changes to the Standing

Rules; motion carried.

Faith reviewed upcoming state and regional meetings. Ellen Rodwick invited us to hold a winter meeting at her new condo in Naples, FL. Phyllis Jenny reported that Marilyn Bushnell, a former chapter member passed away last month in Texas. Faith thanked everyone for their support this year. Karen Ulrich won the raffle basket.

Our program was presented by Penn State Master Gardener Bill Goff on “Perennials in the Garden: Three Seasons of Color.” Our evening ended at 7:50.

Respectfully submitted,  
Karen Ulrich for Shari McGill