

Federated Garden Clubs of Vermont

Minutes of Executive Committee Meeting May 16, 2016 **DRAFT**

Present: Sue Hinkel, President; Sally Ayrey, Treasurer; Esther Swett, Assistant Treasurer; Susan Stoehr, Recording Secretary; Gay Gaston, Central District Director; Pat Williams, Southern District Director

The meeting was called to order by Sue Hinkel at 9:45 am at the home of Esther Swett in Rutland, VT. Sue Hinkel introduced Susan Stoehr from the Mountain Gardeners Club who was appointed as Recording Secretary.

Changes to the Bylaws were reviewed and discussed. Modifications for the "Policy and Procedure Guidelines" (Recording Secretary's duties) were presented by Sally Ayrey. The changes were unanimously recommended.

Utilizing email for committee and board votes, when a board meeting isn't needed but a vote is pending, was discussed.

The budget, as of 5/16/16, was reviewed, followed by discussion.

Currently, there are no applicants for the Scholarship and the deadline for applications ends this week. The suggestion was made to hold the funds for next year when a larger scholarship could be offered.

The awards committee has completed its work and awards will be presented at the Annual Meeting.

A discussion of the garden glove fundraising project was looked at from several angles. The gloves were purchased by one club with the intent that they would sell the gloves. The club was unable to sell the gloves and it was suggested that other clubs might be interested in selling them at their upcoming Plant Sales. Sue Hinkel will look into this.

The Annual Meeting will be held June 17, 2016 at the Shelburne Museum in Shelburne, VT. A little background was given on the dissolution of districts, by the National Garden Clubs Inc., which will be a topic of discussion at the meeting.

An open discussion followed covering general topics: membership, fundraising projects, advertising while working in public gardens by wearing Garden Club apparel etc.

National Garden Week is June 5-11, 2016. Posters and proclamations were distributed.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:25 pm.

Respectfully submitted.
Susan Stoehr, Recording Secretary