

BEAUFORT GARDEN CLUB GENERAL MEETING MINUTES – JANUARY 6, 2022

MISSION STATEMENT: *Promote, conserve and enhance the natural beauty of the
Town of Beaufort*

Theme: Sustainability

Victoria Sullivan, President, called the meeting to order at 10:00. She advised that Ann Street UMC Covid team asked that no food be served at this meeting. Only beverages could be served. They also requested a mask be worn but it was not mandated.

We then said the pledge of allegiance to the flag and recited the Garden Collect.

Sharon Miller announced the Master Gardener Volunteers' public program speaker is Pam Beck. She will speak on "Backyard Food Gardening. Pam also wrote the book "Best Garden Plants of North Carolina". This event is scheduled for February 9 starting at 10:00am at MHC Civic Center. Doors open at 9:30am.

Dana Sceeny advised if you have not picked up your BGC directories we have them today. If you have not picked up the 2021-2022 inserts to update your book, we also have those available for pick up.

Victoria Sullivan announced we need Yard of the Months for February and March. Please advise Nikki Dunn if you have any suggestions.

Deborah Van Dyken: Bingo will be played at our February 3rd General Meeting. It will be \$5 per card. There will be 6 games played with a break taken after the first 3 games are played. At the end everyone will have an opportunity to pay \$1.00 a card and the first card that is completely filled will win all the money. Please bring cash or your checkbook to pay. Using your credit card makes it a much slower process so please bring cash.

We will also have a **Silent Auction** on February 3rd. If you have item(s) you would consider donating, please email a picture and description to Carol Remy. She will be in touch with you. We are asking that all items have a minimum value of \$20.

Cindy Cash introduced the membership survey. This is a way for short- and long-range planning for future meetings. Cindy advised that she and Becky Oxholm will be Co-Presidents next year. The BGC mission is to Promote, conserve and enhance the natural beauty of the Town of Beaufort. The Pretty ladies meet every week and do help promote the beauty of the town. Victoria adopted the theme "Sustainability". Let's focus our efforts on things we can do to sustain the health and well-being of our club.

Cindy explained the survey. The questions will be timed. Each table has a leader. The leader will complete the survey as they read and discuss with the other members at the table. The leader will then stand up and briefly summarize the answers to the question when it is her tables turn. Additional comments and or suggestions should be written on 3x5 index card provided. The survey began at approximately 10:25am. The survey was finished at 11:10am. Cindy advised she and Becky would sort through the survey, review and bring back summary to members in April.

Rita Tomlinson announced next hike will be Wednesday, January 19th at 9:45. The hike will start at Oyster Point Campground parking lot., Newport. The hike will be on the Neusiok Trail, Croatan National Forest. Rita will post on Facebook. Please let her know if you plan to come.

Rita drew the names for the 2 door prizes. Pat Wesson and Adeline Talbot were the winners. Meeting was adjourned at 11:20.

Respectively submitted by Carolyn Fowle, Secretary