

Beaufort Garden Club

General Meeting Minutes - November 2, 2023

Refreshments were served from 9:30-10:00 am at the Ann Street Methodist Church Eure building. President Rita Tomlinson led the Pledge of Allegiance and the Beaufort Garden Club collect.

President Tomlinson introduced the current officers of the Club. She welcomed new members, lifetime members, those with birthdays in November, visitors and guests. Monica Hunter and Carol Remy were singled out for their extraordinary service.

The minutes of the October 5, 2023 meeting were approved.

In general business, Cindy Cash announced a hike on November 14 at the Community College and on December 12 for a stroll around Beaufort with lunch. Lottie Tharrington and Marilyn Green asked that baked goods for the BHA Jumble Sale be dropped off at the Beau Coast clubhouse from 4:00-6:00 pm on Friday, November 17. All members were reminded of their obligation to provide refreshments for at least one meeting of the year or alternatively make a \$15 donation. Nikki Dunn announced that the Yard of the Month for November is Malia Bagdy of 113 Sherwood Blvd. Nikki requested nominations for future monthly awards. Directory inserts are ready for pick up at the membership table. Only new members should take binders. President Tomlinson announced that she is keeping the online calendar up to date. A recent new event was the Trunk-or-Treat sponsorship at the Beaufort Boys and Girls Club. She also demonstrated how to access the Beaufort Garden Club website and calendar from a mobile phone. Deborah Van Dyken announced that the bus trip to Airlie Gardens on March 25 is already full with a waiting list. Glad Atkins announced that the recent sponsorship drive resulted in \$7,900 for the club treasury. The Arts in Beaufort public art committee is an offshoot of the Beaufort Garden Club. BJ Vincent announced they are starting a new public art project.

Guest speaker Taylor Guthrie gave an informative presentation on the benefits of organic gardening, which she defined as gardening without the use of chemical fertilizers, pesticides or other artificial agents. Many common garden aids are produced by Monsanto, which has been the US military's main chemical warfare supplier. She invited members to view her garden on the first block of Live Oak Street to see the effects of organic gardening.

Door prizes were awarded and the meeting was adjourned at 11:15 am.

Lynn Sutton, Secretary

Wreath-making Meeting - December 7, 2023

We met at 9:30 am at the Ann Street Methodist Eure Building. Lynn Mauze and Arlene Coles led our successful wreath-making event to benefit the Town of Beaufort and the Beaufort Historical Association. We had about 70 members make 70 natural wreaths this year including 17 wreaths made for our sponsors that contributed \$250 or more to our club.

At 11:00 am, Jane Sanders led our annual soup, accompaniments, and coffee for a delicious treat to reward the hard work exhibited by our members. Thanks to the refreshments team including Mary Shelton and Becky Oxholm.

We cleaned up and concluded at about 12:30 pm. Cindy Cash, Glad Atkins, and Rita Tomlinson delivered the sponsor's wreaths and Lynn arranged for the Town and BHA to pick up theirs.

Thanks also to Monica Hunter and Arlene Coles for leading the gathering of the greens on the day before.
Respectfully, Rita Tomlinson