Beaufort Garden Club General Meeting Minutes March 2, 2023

Refreshments were served from 9:30-10:00 at the Ann Street Methodist Eure building. President, Cindy Cash, led the Pledge of Allegiance and the Beaufort Collect.

Todd Clarke, the town Manager was introduced. Guests of members were then introduced. He introduced Elizabeth Lewis, the town clerk.She encouraged everyone to contact town hall with concerns. Mr. Clarke then gave a presentation and updates from the town. He discussed the construction on Cedar Street with the goal of completion by June. He discussed the town's storm water plan with a mid-May completion date. The sewer rehabilitation plan will begin in the fall. He thanked the Beaufort Garden Club for all our efforts. He then discussed the dredging, waterways plan, cemetery cleanup and sidewalk construction. Debra LLewellyn, a garden club member, asked about bike paths.

Ms Cash reminded everyone of the upcoming luncheon at the Dune's Club featuring Barbara Sullivan speaking on climate change gardening.

The April day trip to Wilmington's Airlie gardens was discussed. Please sign up to go and get your own tickets to the gardens on-line.

May 4 is the annual garden tour and closing luncheon.

Glad Atkins introduced the three speakers for the program on local farming. Christian Mills of Carolina Pickle Co, Ryan Willett of Harlow Custom Micro Greens and Tanya Watson of Two Bees were the featured farmers. Each guest gave an entertaining and informative talk on their experiences of starting and sustaining a small business. A question session followed.

Door prizes were given and the meeting was adjourned at 11:05.

Becky Oxholm Secretary