

Beaufort Garden Club
General Meeting Minutes
March 7, 2024

Refreshments were served from 9:30-10:00 am at the Ann Street Methodist Church Eure building. President Rita Tomlinson called the meeting to order at 10:00 am and led both the Pledge of Allegiance and Garden Collect.

President Tomlinson gave recognition to all lifetime members, new members and guests, those celebrating birthdays in January, February and March, and specially honored Sunny Newton and Susan Johnson. She reported on the stellar success of last month's bingo event led by Deborah Van Dyken (\$1,505) and the silent auction led by Lynn Mauze (\$5,281).

Event Announcements:

- 1) Janice Mills reported on flower arrangement planning for the 2024 Old Homes Tour. This year, Harris Teeter will supply the flowers with prep taking place on June 27 at St. Paul's Episcopal Church. Volunteers are invited to sign-up.
- 2) Deborah Van Dyken outlined plans for the March 25 bus trip to Wilmington, which is sold out with a waiting list. Next year she plans to lead a trip to Edenton.
- 3) The Pretty Ladies Committee will meet on March 20 at 9:00 am in the Beau Coast Clubhouse for anyone who is interested in carrying out the mission of the Beaufort Garden Club to beautify the town. Work sessions are from 9-10 am on Wednesday mornings, followed by coffee. New waterers are especially needed from April-November. Grayden Paul Park will be a major emphasis this year.
- 4) The annual garden tour and luncheon will be held on May 9 (changed from May 2) beginning at the BHA Memorial Garden and ending at Beaufort Grocery.
- 5) The next regular meeting will be on April 4 with speaker Diane Saye, master level teacher of Ikebana.

For the remainder of the meeting, Betsy Bertram led attendees in a custom practice of chair yoga.

Respectfully submitted,

Lynn Sutton, Secretary