72nd ANNUAL SPRING CONVENTION
NEW MEXICO GARDEN CLUBS, INC.
ARTESIA NEW MEXICO
"PRAIRIE PLAYGROUND OF NEW MEXICO"
March 23 & 24, 2022
GENERAL BUSINESS MEETING

The 202 Annual Convention of New Mexico Garden Clubs Incorporated was called to order by President- Christine Longthorp who welcomed members at 9:37 AM

President Longthorp introduced the State District Directors

District Directors:
District V – Julie Foster
District IV - Ellie Nordgren
District III - Johnese Turri absent and will be represented by Diane Peterson
District II – Vacant represented by Kersti Rock
District I – Sonia James - absent Represented by Debi Harrington

President Longthorp introduced the head table

Executive Board
1st Vice President – Debra Sorrell
2nd Vice President Membership – Joyce Zaugg
Recording Secretary - Dorothy Duff
Treasurer – absent Laurie Hixson
Historian – Ariel Seamon
Acting Parliamentarian – Becky Fuller
Corresponding Secretary – Suzy Andrego

Preliminary Credentials Report – Shirley Tetreault of High Desert Design provided the preliminary credentials report:
142 Full time attendees for a voting strength of 139
Kathleen Flanders moved that the preliminary report be accepted. There was no discussion and the report was adopted with a voting strength of over two thirds

Parliamentarian Becky Fuller reported that a quorum was present and J.J. Huddleston read the Standing Rules of the Business Meeting. The Standing Rules of the 2022 NMGC Annual Convention were accepted as read with voting strength of over two thirds.

Appointments:
The Chair appointed the following committee members to approve the minutes:
1. Kersti Rock – Los Alamos garden Club
2. Debra Sorrell – 1st Vice President
3. Sonia James - District I Director

Shirley Sheriff was appointed as Time Keeper.

Suzy Corresponding Secretary indicated that there were three changes or corrections to the program booklet.

1. Under Standing Rules replace Fall Board with Annual in four places
2. Welcome to “Artesia” should replace “Las Cruces.”
3. Should read United Methodist rather than “un-tied Methodist.”

There was a motion to adopt the booklet. There was no discussion and there were over 2/3 votes in the affirmative to accept the program booklet for the 2021 Fall NMGC Board Meeting.

President Longthorp presented the NMGC Chairman list for the 2021-2023 terms which was ratified at the Executive Board Meeting. Attendees will have a list of the NMGC Chairman and the Club Presidents. President Longthorp indicated that there are vacancies in positions and encouraged members to consider volunteering for those positions.

Minutes:
Dorothy Duff, NMGC Secretary Read the minutes of the meeting from the 2021 Fall Board Meeting held in Albuquerque, NM. Minutes were approved as read with two corrections.

Treasurer’s Report:
Suzy Andrego read the read the Treasurer’s Report provided by Laurie Hixson NMCG Treasurer. There were no questions or clarifications. The Treasurer’s report will be filed for review and audit.

501 members ($4008 income) FY 2022: an increase of 52 members from 2021
Scholarship Award of $2500 was awarded to Laney White
Expenses: $1031
Current Account: $11531.08 CD Account: $42680.04
Total current Funds: $58251.21

State Officer’s Reports

President: Christine Longthorp thanked the Artesia Garden Club, The Morning Garden Club and the Lincoln Garden club for the warm welcome they have provided members. President Longthorp described her busy schedule meeting with the different districts installing officers and sharing her expertise floral design. She reminded us that moving forward the Fall Board meeting will for the Executive Board while the Annual Convention is a statewide event for all members and will rotate among the districts. Each District is required to hold two meetings a year, one in the spring and another in the fall. Individual club reports are brought to the District meetings and shared at the Spring Convention and Fall Board meeting.

President Longthorp plans to attend the South Central Regional Meeting and the National Garden Club Convention and will bring back to New Mexico all that she learns. President Longthorp thanks all the clubs and districts for working with her though challenging times.

Officers Reports:

1st Vice President – Debra Sorrell –
1st Vice President Debra Sorrell expressed her delight that we are all back together again. She encouraged us to focus on sharing our gardening joy and experience with our communities. She shared how she has not only learned about gardening through our clubs but has also gained lasting friendships.

2nd Vice President - Joyce Zaugg reported:
Total members: 501 in 23 Clubs

District l: 189 Members, District ll: 56 members, District lll: 71 Members,
District lV: 90 members and District V: 95 Members
Full report Attached

Recording Secretary - Dorothy Duff - no report
Treasurer - Laurie Hixson - no report
Historian –Ariel Seamon encouraged clubs to send her reports of their activities as did District V describing their bulb planting and creation of a pollinator habitat. It is particularly important to report any flower shows that have been held.
Report Attached

Annual Report: Suzy Andrego reported that the Annual Report will be distributed electronically in October 2022. She indicated that reports cover from June 1, 2021 through May 31, 2022 and are due August 1, 2022.

District Directors Reports (time limit 4 minutes per report):

District V Julie Foster: Report attached
District IV Ellie Nordgren: Report attached
District III Johnese Turri: absent report read by Diane Peterson- Report attached
District II Vacant: Report given by Kersti Rock. Report attached
District I Sonia James –Report attached

Brief Break
Resume
Other Reports

Recommendations from Executive Committee:

Dorothy Duff recording Secretary read a recommendation presented by Suzy Andrego that the New Mexico Garden Clubs make the annual Fall Board Meeting for Executive Committee members only. The Annual NMGC Convention (spring) will be for all members.

Rationale: 1) Membership declining 2) Costs are rising 3) fewer members are attending and 4) Fewer members are willing to chair and hold convention in their area

Each District would then be responsible for one convention meeting every five years rather than two meetings. Suzy Andrego moved that this recommendation be accepted. Recommendation was accepted by two third or greater votes. Recommendation statement attached

Dorothy Duff recording Secretary read a recommendation presented by Awards Book Review Committee consisting of Suzy Andrego, Debra Sorrell and Lynnette Walker.

There was discussion about the recommended changes and the recommendation passed with more than two thirds in agreement. Report attached.

Healing Garden Report: President Longthorp reported that after a change in administration at the Veterans administration NMGC may now move forward with donations of plants. The hardscape will be done by the medical center. Installation and initial maintenance will be by NMGC members.

NMGC Annual convention will be March 23-24 in Albuquerque, New Mexico.

President Longthorp called a Brief Recess and the meeting reconvened at 10:59 AM

Chairman reports (limited to 3 minutes each)

Gardening Schools – Debi Harrington is also Landscape School Chair. She is considering having a Landscape Design School here in New Mexico in the future. NGC has periodic zoom classes on Landscape Design. Debi is also working on future Gardening Schools. New Mexico has nine new Gardening School Graduates.

New Mexico Gardener – Suzy Andrego Please be sure that Suzy has your correct email with your club list. Suzy also send out the South Central Region newsletter. Members can sign up on the NGC website for the National Gardener.

Penny Pines Report: MaryAnn Moreno Penny Pine collection jar was passed. Valley Garden Club honored Christine Longthorp, Betty Heisler and Ed Davis with a Penny Pines certificate. Morning Garden Club was also recognized for their Penny Pines donation

Ways and Means: Kathleen Flanders report attached. President Longthorp reminded us that the raffle monies are being raised for President; Longthorp's Sensory Garden Project at the Veterans Administration Hospital.

Archives – Becky Fuller Becky reported on a meeting she had with the ladies from the Archives department at New Mexico State University. Roswell Library also has an archiving program for those interested.

Water Conservation - Dorothy Duff announced upcoming articles in the New Mexico designed to inspire members to apply for the Water Conservation Award.

Birds, Bees and Butterflies – Ellie Nordgren discussed the Bees in New Mexico and

No unfinished business

Blue Star Memorial - Shirley Tetreault She reported that there are twenty three Blue Star Memorials. If you have a Blue Star in your area please help maintain it.

Life Membership Badges can be purchased form Sue Ferguson

There were no further Committee Reports or Unfinished Business

New Business: Those attending a convention for the first time were presented with a gift.

Announcements

2023 NMGC Annual convention will be April in Albuquerque, NM

You can send information for the NGC facebook page to Suzy Andrego

Raffle tickets can be purchased form Kathleen Flanders. A reminder that drawing will be after the Banquet

Linnea Eggert presented the final report of the 2019 NMGC Annual Spring Convention:

Registrants: 32

The meeting was Recessed at _11:23 AM for the Lunch Program with Featured Speaker from the NMSU Extension Service.

11:30 P.M.—1:30 P.M. **LUNCH & PROGRAM – Drew Garnet**

"Benefits of Prairie Vegetation in Your Garden"

Blessing: Debra Sorrell

The General Meeting was resumed, President Christine Longthorp Presiding.

The 2023 NMGC State Convention "Diamonds in the Desert" will be April 11-12, 2023 in Albuquerque, NM

Final Benediction: _____ President delivered the final benediction.

Adjournment: President Longthorp adjourned the meeting at 2:23PM.

Respectfully Submitted

Dorothy Duff

Recording Secretary