NEW MEXICO GARDEN CLUBS, INC.
70th FALL BOARD "Bloom Where You Are"
ALBUQUERQUE, NEW MEXICO
OCTOBER 18, 2019
GENERAL BUSINESS MEETING

Officers Attending

1st Vice President - Carolyn Bedford
2nd Vice President - Joyce Zaugg
Treasurer - Laurie Hixson
Corresponding Secretary - JJ Huddleston
Recording Secretary - Dorothy Duff
Parliamentarian - Isabel Olsen
Immediate Past President - Barbara Vance

Directors Attending

District I - Debra Sorrell
District II - Sue-Elllen de Beer
District III - Johnese Turri
District IV - Ellen Nordgren
District V - Renate Reisel

President Christine Longthorpcalled to order The 70th Annual Fall Meeting of the New Mexico Garden Clubs at 9:37am and introduced the NMGC State Officers and District Directors. (listed above)

Johnese Turri delivered the inspirational reading

Shirley Tetreault NMGC Blue Star Chairman led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America.
Debra Sorrell District I Director welcomed members and guests to the 70th Annual New Mexico Garden Clubs Fall Board Meeting

Preliminary Credentials Report - Debby Hasse provided the preliminary report:
35 Full time attendees and 11 Part time for a voting strength of 44
Johnese Turri moved that the preliminary report be accepted. There was no discussion and the report was adopted with a voting strength of over 2/3.

Parlamentarian Isabel Olsen reported that a quorum was present and read the Standing Rules of the Business Meeting. The Standing Rules of the 2019 NMGC Fall Board Meeting were accepted as read.

Appointments:
The Chair appointed the following committee members toapprove the minutes:
1. Carolyn Bedford - 1st Vice President
2. Joyce Zaugg 2nd - Vice President
3. Doris Jackson- District II
Joan Karrie President of Petal Pushers was appointed as Time Keeper.

Suzy Andrego indicated that there were no changes or additions to the program booklet
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 2019 Fall NMGC Board Meeting.

President Longthorp presented the NMGC Chairman list for the 2019-2021 termwhich was ratified at the Executive Board Meeting. Attendees should have a list of the NMGC Chairman and the Club Presidents. Members and may contact Joyce Zaugg for copies

Minutes:
Dorothy Duff, NMGC Secretary read the minutes of the meeting from the 2019 Annual Convention held in Las Vegas, NM. Corrections/Additions included a name correction - Diana Springer not Diane Springer
Minutes were approved as read with one correction.

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

State Officer's Reports

President: Christine Longthorp provided a verbal report of her time in office thus far. She traveled to St. Louis, Missouri for the National Convention and to Oklahoma for the South Central Region Convention as well as to many NMGC Districts within New Mexico. She has awarded Rose pins to members and has enjoyed meeting and being with members from across the country as well as within New Mexico. She described progress on her President's project for a Healing Garden at the Veteran's Hospital in Albuquerque, New Mexico. \The Master's Level recipient of the Scholarship Award has graduated early but will complete a plan for the garden. The VA will install the hardscape while garden club members will be responsible for planting and maintaining the garden until it is established.

President Longthorp also discussed the many ways in which we can encourage growth in membership and President provided 4 specific ways to encourage and support new membership:

1. "100 Ways to Recruit New Members" will be posted on the NMGC website,

2.Members can use flow chart format to explain the organizational structure of garden clubs distinguishing among the various level of National Garden Clubs Organizations, beginning with Local clubs moving to Districts Organizations then to State and Regional organizations and finally to the national level of National Garden Clubs Inc.

3. Clubs can use a Mentoring Program to match long time club members with new members

4. Posey pins can be used to engage people about gardening

Officers Reports:

1st Vice President - Carolyn Bedford - no report
2nd Vice President - Joyce Zaugg
Membership Update Adults 517 Youth 54 = Total 571
Recording Secretary - Dorothy Duff - no report
Treasurer - Laurie Hixson - no report
Historian - Julie Foster (absent) -No report
Corresponding Secretary - JJ Huddleston reported that there was a change in the Presidency of the Floral Designers' Club. Current President is Laurie Hixson. Another correction indicated that New Mexico Judges Council Vice President is now Doris Jackson. She requested that Club Presidents apprise her of any changes in the memberships.

Annual Report:J.J. Huddlestonreported for Conni Elkins and indicated that the Annual Reportis available and has been distributed to District Directors, Club Presidents and will be on the NMGC website.. Members can obtain copies from their Club President or by going on the website.

Immediate Past President - Barbara Vance: Past President Vance verbally reported that she was relaxing and enjoying to have more time with her family but she was "honored" to have represented NMGC. She expressed appreciation for those Chairmen who werewilling to continue in their roles.

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

District 5 Renate Risel absent report to follow
District 4 Ellie Nordgren : Attached
District 3 Jonese Turri: Attached
District 2 Sue-Ellen Debeer : Attached
District 1Debra Sorrell: Report attached. She reminded us that coffee mugs with the NMGC emblem are available for sale.

Other Reports

Recommendations from Executive Committee: Dorothy Duff recording Secretary reported that there were no recommendations from the Executive Committee

Johnese Turri presented the final report of the 2019 NMGC Annual Spring Convention:
Registrants: 59 Fulltime 21 Part time for a total of 80
Total Income $9330 for a profit of $50.50 The Auction Profit $1300.88 (for Host Clubs)

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

Chairman reports (limited to 3 minutes each)

Awards Chairman - Nanette Tanner Please get your Awards in by the end of January 2020

Blue Star Memorials - Shirley Tetreault provided a verbal report thanking members for recognizing our veterans. The Petersons "passed a bag" for donations for another Blue Star Marker and collected approximately $179

Environmental Schools: Chairman – Suzy Andrego - No Report

Gardener Editor – Suzy Andrego will be focusing on the Winter Issue in which Club Presidents will be asked to submit articles. President Longthorp thanked Suzy for stepping in to take over as Editor

Gardening School: Chairman – Debi Harrington (attached) School completion certificates were awarded to Carolyn Buckland, Suzy Andrego, Laurie Hixson, Doris Jensen and Jan Smith

Penny Pines: Chairman—Mary Ann Moreno. Provided a verbal report and passed a jar for coin collection. Ellie Nordgren described their project planting seedlings and whips and their collection over $720 for tree planting. Isabel Olsen commented that while New Mexico has the smallest population we donate more in the SCR that any other state for Penny Pines.

Scholarship's Chairman— Nanette Tanner (is this correct) was absent but members were asked to think about possible recipients.

Smokey Bear Woodsy Owl: Poster Chairman - Jennifer Moreno. Attached

Ways and Means- Raffle tickets qre available and funds will be used for the President's Sensory Garden Project. Items include a beautiful Christmas wreath and expenses (hotel) for the Spring Convention (report attached)

Rose Award: President Longthorp announced that a Rose Award will be presented to Sally Warner of Los Alamos. Sally is a Life member NMGC , South Central Region and NGC. She has worked diligently on many projects and donated hundreds of hours to garden club activities

There were no further Committee Reports or Unfinished Business

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

Debra Sorrell announced that NMGC will be selling coffee mugs with the NMGC logo in the shape of a clay pot and wrist bands saying “water my plants.”

Those attending a convention for the first time were presented with a gift and a group photo was taken

A60’ nearly perfect tree from the Carson National Forest will be traveling to Washington as the tree to be placed in front of the Capitol along with 71 smaller trees.Los Alamos Garden Club made a Christmas Tree Skirt that was 11 ft in diameter Angel Fire Garden Club made 450 for the tree.

Announcements

Raffle tickets can be purchased form Kathleen Flanders. Prizes include an all expense paid trip to the 2020 Annual Convention in Las Cruces. Six tickets for $5.

Debi Harrington reminded members that the deadline for the South Central Region newsletter is December 1.

The meeting was Recessed at 11:13AM for the Lunch Program with Featured Speaker Heather White

“Get More Bloom Out of Your Club”

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

“Get More Bloom from Your Club”

Presented by: Heather White, Texas Garden Clubs

Anasazi Room

The General Meeting was resumed, President Christine Longthorp Presiding. Raffle Winners were drawn

Announcements:

Ellie Nordgren District IV Director extend an invitation to the 2020 Annual Convention , April 8-10 in Las Cruces, NM.

Debi Harrington talked about Plant America project that will recognize the state that plants the most native trees (Penny Pines does not count) Rules to follow.

Mary Ann Moreno described as project in which children will plant a container for pollinators and record their work b y taking. a picture. The child must be sponsored by Garden Club. More info will be in Communicator. 1st prize will be $100. Entries must be completed by April 1 for SCR meeting.

President Longthorp reminded members that New Mexico Garden Clubs Annual Convention 2020 will be April 8-12 in Las Cruces.

District I Garden Clubs presented President Longthorp with a gift (sea shell bowl) in appreciation of her work as NMGC president.

Final Credentials Report: Debby Hasse reported the final registration numbers 35 Full Time and 11 Part time for a total 46 attendees.

Final Benediction: Pete Peterson delivered the final benediction.

Ellie Nordgren District IV Director extended an invitation to the 2020 Annual Convention , April 8-10 in Las Cruces, NM.

Raffle: Raffle Winners were drawn
Wreath : Linda Rasley
Trip to the Spring Convention: Beth Schneider
Purse: Maple Levine
Painting: Shirley Tetreault
Topiary: Christine Longthorp

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