

**Grimsby Garden Club – Minutes of Annual General Meeting
Monday November 27, 2017 – Livingston Activity Centre**

Welcome: President, Wendy Frank opened the meeting at 7:02 p.m. and welcomed all participants to our Annual General Meeting.

Minutes for the Annual General Meeting will be taken by Roberta Blackie, Secretary & posted within 30 days of this meeting.

Secretary's Report: The minutes of the 2016 were posted, available on the website and Face Book and presented for approval.

- Motion to accept: Craig Tallman
- Seconded: Sue Tallman
- Carried: Yes

Treasurer's Report: Jim Howden

An audited financial statement was presented and is available on the website and posted on the bulletin board at the back of the Livingston Hall.

- The revenues for 2017 totalled \$24,731.00 and the expenses \$17,177.00. Net income (loss) was \$7,554.00 and much better than forecast due to sponsorships and fundraising this year.
- Cash & investments of \$18,846.00.
 - Motion to accept: Liz Willson
 - Seconded: Peter Carr-Locke
 - All in favour: Yes
 - Opposed: 0
 - Carried: Yes

President's Annual Report:

Wendy Frank highlighted the major events of the year, and indicated that the blog and the website have the detailed report of 2017 activities. She thanked all who participated in The Grimsby Garden Club this past year. The Club had a great year which included many activities and undertakings to help make The Grimsby Garden Club better than ever.

Highlights from the Year:

- Delivered a well-attended series of interesting and informative speakers.
- Our Plant Sale was the most successful one we have ever had. Thanks to all who helped with all aspects of the sale.
- Held another successful Floral Design Course at the Pump House this year with 12 in attendance
- Our new hanging floral baskets were augmented thanks to a large donation from LJM Developments (\$5000.00). Our Elm Street beds were well maintained throughout the summer months thanks to all the volunteers.

- Our social media including our website, Face Book page and Mail Chimp blog continue to grow.
- Promoted the GGC at the Grimsby Home & Garden Show, the GGC Annual Plant Sale, the Rotary Art Show, and with our booth at the Grimsby Farmers Market.
- Represented the GGC at the OHA Convention in July in Toronto, and at the OHA meeting on October.
- Our annual Off-Site Tour was at the Vineland Research Center was very well attended, and included several guided tours of their research areas.
- Awarded a Garden of the Month throughout the summer and early fall.
- Awarded \$1000 in scholarships to students from Blessed Trinity and Grimsby Secondary School who are entering horticultural, landscape architecture or environmental programs.
- GGC Board Members were invited to Lincoln Park Retirement Community to help design their garden beds.
- Our Bi-Annual GGC Garden Tour was extremely successful. We had excellent feedback from visitors and the addition of music in the gardens was much appreciated by attendees.
- Held our third Volunteer Appreciation Night in August. Thank you to Wendy & Sheldon Frank for hosting once again.
- Participated in the Trillium Awards along with the Town of Grimsby. The awards were once again by nomination, with over 90 nominations. Judging criteria were based on the best practices of the Hamilton Trillium Program and shared with the public on our website. The award ceremony was well attended.
- Donated a Christmas tree to the Rotary “Fantasy of Trees”, provided the decorations and decorated the tree.
- Trimmed the Christmas tree in the Town Hall again this year.
- Wendy asked the membership to approve the actions of the Executive and Board of Directors for the 2017 year.
 - Motion to accept: Karen Gough
 - Seconded: Marilyn Cornwell
 - All in Favour: Yes
 - Opposed: None
 - Carried: Yes

- **Board of Directors:**

We are sorry to be losing from The Board of Directors, Lauren Doig, Chair for Civic Improvements; Jim Howden, Treasurer; Ginny Thiessen, Membership Chair; Peter Carr Locke, Plant Sale Chair. All of you will be missed on the Board next year. All were thanked for their time & dedication.

Special Thanks to Marilyn Cornwell for her behind the scenes work for The Grimsby Garden Club. She has helped with membership, and Trillium Awards, and in general went above and beyond the call of duty.

Poinsettias were given to retiring Board members and Marilyn Cornwell.

Wendy Frank welcomed Alan Daniels, representing the OHA District 9, who will swear in the new board members and officers.

Installation of Officers & Directors: Alan Daniels representing OHA District 9 called for nominations from the floor.

The 2018 Officers and Directors were installed as follows:

- President – Wendy Frank
- Vice President – Stephen Hargrave
- Secretary – Roberta Blackie
- Treasurer – Joe Fisher
- Past President – Beth Sommers
- Directors:
 - New member: Karen Gough;
 - Returning members: Sharon Fisher, Joanne Johnston, Sue Lusted, Donna McGlone, Mary McLaren, Betty Repa



The Grimsby Garden Club 2017 Annual General Meeting was preceded by the Christmas Pot-Luck Appetizer & Dessert party and followed by speaker, Mark Peck on “Birds in Your Winter Garden.”

The Annual General Meeting closed with 50-50 & Door Prize Tickets being drawn.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:31 p.m.

- Motion to adjourn: Sue Lusted
- Seconded: Craig Tallman
- Carried: Yes