

Burnaby Rhododendron and Gardens Society
MINUTES OF MONTHLY MEETING – February 1, 2023
Discovery Room, Burnaby Village Museum

1. Welcome and call meeting to order at 7:08 pm.

2. Adoption of January 3rd, 2023 Meeting Minutes

These Minutes have been posted on the BRAGS' website. Cheryl Fiddis moved the Minutes and Faye Kilpatrick seconded them. All were in favour.

3. Outstanding Business from the Minutes –

Wendy Thompson

Refer to Memberships item below.

4. Treasurer's Report – Susan Brandl

Susan provided the following financial report. Membership fees = \$84.00 as of January 31; paid our annual Ministry of Finance Society fee and BC Council of Garden Clubs dues and insurance. Chequing account: \$6,714.56 and GICs \$5,714.78.

5. Correspondence – Wendy Thompson

Nil.

6. Standing Committee Reports

a) Welcome/Attendance

Judy Wellington reported that there were 22 members and 3 guests in attendance.

b) Burnaby Blooms - Verna Adamson

The festival will be held on May 13 and 14. There is a satellite meeting organized at SFU for May 27th. The City of Burnaby has invited the Burnaby Farmers Market vendors to participate in the festival. They will attend on Saturday – plus another 30 vendors. There will be an Eco artist and the theme is fairy tales. A Strawberry Tea is not confirmed. Room 103 is reserved for BRAGS on the Saturday only. Preloading is scheduled for approximately 8:00 a.m. on the Saturday. Verna asked members for their decision as to holding the Plant Sale and the Silent Auction. The Silent Auction requires a lot more work and setup would be difficult if only allowed on the morning of the event. Decided to go with plant sale only. Verna will contact the vendors that have donated plants in the past to find out if they would be ok with us putting their donation into the plant sale. The City is looking for speakers for workshops; if BRAGS contributes a speaker it could be an opportunity to promote the club.

c) Memberships – Susan Brandl and Wendy Thompson

Wendy reported that membership fees remain at \$12.00 and can now be processed via electronic deposit. (e-transfer) A notice was posted in the February BRAGS newsletter. Members agreed that BRAGS has not advertised for new members for a long time so Evelyn Crawford will contact the Burnaby Beacon and the Burnaby Now to find out about placing a notice in their publications.

d) Speakers/Program – Beth MacLaren

March 1 – Katie McGillivray from Earthwise will present on “Sensory Gardens”

April 5 – Winston Wong from BC Bee Supply will present on “Mason Bees in your Garden”

May 3 – Chris Jennings from the Vancouver Shade Garden Society will present on a shade plant, to be determined at a later date.

7. New/Other Business

Byrne Creek Community School Garden Club has requested a donation of plants, seeds, bulbs, soil, or dollars to help them to maintain and build on their gardening in the school grounds over the past 2 years. They are also asking garden companies and nurseries. Therese Pope made a motion for BRAGS to donate \$100.00. Linda Cholette seconded; all were in favour. Susan will contact the school about where to send the donation.

Meeting adjourned at 7:23 pm. Refreshments were served after which Andre Erasmus gave a very entertaining and informational demonstration of floral design.