LOUISIANA GARDEN CLUB FEDERATION, INC.

DISTRICT VII FALL MEETING

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Oakdale, LA

October 19, 2023

The District VII Fall Meeting was called to order by District Secretary, Kathy Tell, at 10 a.m.

Standing in as Recording Secretary, Barbara Morris, Diggers and Weeders Garden Club Secretary

Invocation was given by Christie Brammer, Crowley Garden Club

The Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America was led by Margo Racca, Diggers and Weeders Garden Club.

Welcome to District VII was given by Anne Jones, Washington Garden Club

Welcome to the city was given by Oakdale Mayor Gene Paul.

Response to Welcome was given by Dr. Richard E. Bacon, Oakdale.

Introductions of Officers and Chairman by Kathy Tell, District VII Recording Sec

Introduction of Club Presidents, 8 in attendance

Rules of Order were read by Parliamentarian Margo Racca.

Barbara Morris, acting Recording Secretary, moved to dispense with the reading of the minutes as they had been read and approved by an appointed committee.

Message to members by LGCF President, Patricia Ortalano.

 LGCF 90th Anniversary - Louisiana Goes Emerald – Plant Wildflowers

 NGC Projects

* Plant America-Feed America
* Gardening for Wildlife
* Planting for Pollinators

LGCF Fundraiser – Foxy Troxy. Fundraising for College Scholarships.

Sissy Gall presented Patricia with a donation to the LGCF Scholarship Fund

Treasurer Sissy Gall reported on finances.

Checking account $8,389.99 Convention Fundraising Proceeds $2641.70. Ending Bal excluding line item….$5,748.29

Savings account $4110.24

**REPORTS**

LGCF President-Elect Carla Gauthier, Conservation Pledge

Cleanest City Contest, Jean Gilstrap, Cleanest City Improvement Award #31A goes to Elton, LA

District Nomination Committee, Betty Foret, Nominations are open for District VII Director

LGCF Convention Chairman, Pam Langley April 16-17, 2024. Location Lauberge Hotel in Lake Charles.

Scholarship Fund, Pam Langley, LGCF has suspended scholarship due to lack of funds. Pam Langley challenged Region VII clubs to match a $100 Diggers and Weeders pledge toward scholarships.

LGCF 1st Vice President- Kyle Martin, LGCF Awards

Circle of Roses—Presentation to Linda Finley, Diane LaFarque

Invitation to District VII Fall Meeting 2024, Lisa Soileau, President of Rayne Garden Club

Credential and Registration Reports, Phyllis Johnson, Voting Strength 16

Grace by Nookie Miller, Jennings Garden Club

**11:00 Lunch**

Guest Speaker Christina Calcaterra – Program: Louisiana Butterflies

Meeting resumes 12:20

Thank you to Oakdale for sponsoring the meeting.

Door Prizes Phyllis Crawford, Oakdale Garden Club

Raffle: Pam Langley, Diggers and Weeders Garden Club

Benediction: Margo Racca, Diggers and Weeders Garden Club

Kathy Tell, acting District VII Director, adjourned the 2023 Fall District Meeting at 12:47/