

Minutes

June 16, 2020

Blacksburg

3:00

1. Acceptance of agenda
2. Approval of minutes - Susan Keith
3. Treasurer's report - Brenda
4. Garden Tour report – Lynn
5. Garden Tour sponsors and volunteers - Ellen

Present- Lynn Brammer, Piper Durrell, Linda Greaver, Ellen Hall, Sue Hossack, Janice Litschert, Linda Spivey, Brenda Springer

1. Agenda accepted
2. Minutes of May 19 meeting approved-with addition of names of those present which included all listed above plus Linda Powers and Ken Vaughn.
3. There was no formal Treasurer's report because no money has come in to the Treasurer and none has gone out
 - a. Sue says she received 1 membership renewal through PayPal
 - b. a \$ 6,000 CD is due to mature tomorrow. After discussion the decision was made to leave the money in the checking account. That leaves FOL with two \$8,000 CD's. In a normal year the Garden Tour brings in \$6,000 so this might replace that amount in the budget.
4. The 25th Anniversary Garden Tour will take place in 2021 not 2020- there will still be coordination with Sustainable Blacksburg and other local groups. Most of the gardens are available for next year, the committee will find replacements for those that cannot be made available for the 2021 tour.
 - a. Lynn has sent info/press releases to the media and also gave the FOL website info (just in case anyone wants to make a donation).
 - b. There will be no virtual tour because it is a time consuming task that requires a dedicated videographer(s) and none was found.
 - c. Terri Hoover had organized the plein air artists for each garden in advance of the pandemic and so this will still happen- each garden and artist will find a time for a

picture/painting/whatever medium to be done, and the artwork will be displayed later this year at the Blacksburg Library.

5. Ellen has contacted the 2020 volunteers, and volunteers from the last several years, and explained the 25th anniversary tour has been put off till next year, thanked them for their service, etc, and received many positive responses. Some volunteers were happy to not have to make a decision about whether or not to volunteer this year.

Sponsors and their donations to the Garden Tour- Ellen has contacted all but one of the ? six sponsors for the no longer happening 2020 tour. Two sponsors had not yet paid and the others were given 3 choices-

- a. leave the \$200 with FOL as donation for 2020 (1)
- b. rollover donation to 2021 (2)
- c. desire return of donation (0)

The number in parentheses indicates the number of sponsors who chose that option.

Ellen suggested the newsletter might want to do an article on Crows Nest since they have always been willing to sponsor the Garden Tour. All agreed this wonderful local resource deserves an article.

Other items

1. When will books be accepted for donations/book sale? Ellen will have a better answer to that question after the full board meeting tomorrow night.
2. What about donations to Summer Reading Program- the program is still happening online this summer. It is important that the one specific to the Summer Reading Program donation for \$600 be recognized as such.