Federated Garden Clubs of Iowa, Inc

89th Annual State Meeting

June 16. 2017

Fran Stueck, protocol chairman, introduced our presiding officer, Loretta Daisy, FGCI President

Meeting was called to order at 9:38 AM by our President, Loretta Daisy.

Judith Walrod led us in The Creed, Conservation Pledge and the Pledge of Allegiance.

Welcome to Fort Dodge by Kim Alstot, City Councilman.

Response was by Juliene Bramer, President-Elect.

Loretta Daisy introduced The Board Members, our National President, Nancy Hargrove and Fran Stueck, Central Regional Director. Fran's theme for the year is “Partners in Planting America”. Fran has been a member of the Vinton Garden Club for 40 years.

Loretta Daisy introduced the Former State Presidents in attendance, and the District Directors present today.

Flower Show Committee Co-Chairs; Shirley Wolf, Nancy Phillips were introduced with a thank you for their hard work in making the show, “Once Upon A Time” a portrait of beauty.

Thanks to Judith Walrod and Sally Allard our registrars. Registrar, Judith Walrod gave the credentials report at 10:00 AM. We have 91 members registered and eligible to vote and l guest. By direction of the committee, it is moved to adopts this report. Report Adopted.

Marlyn Rietveld-Ebbers, Secretary, circulated the minutes from the Annual Meeting on June 23, 2016 in Fort Dodge. There were no corrections to the minutes so the minutes are approved as read.

Treasurer's report was distributed and will be filed for audit.

Program was presented by Jane Buck, on Invasive Plants.

Sandy Stone presented the Treasurer's report stating the change of CD's and their intended use. The intended use for each CD is listed on the bottom of the page. All the interest from the CD's will now be deposited into the checking account. She reminded us our fiscal year is from August 1 to July 31.

Peggy Moody gave a report on the New Handbook and its many changes. It is important to purchase your new Handbook as soon as possible if you do not have it in your possession.

Our budget for 2017-2018 will be presented at a later date.

Jane Buck, Nomination Chairman presented the persons to be elected:

Secretary, Marlyn Rietveld-Ebbers

Treasurer, Sandy Stone

2nd Vice-President, Marlene Marlof

1st Vice-President, Walter Reemtsma

President – Elect, Terri Ewers

There were no nominations from the floor. All nominees were elected as proposed.

Sandy Wales, Life Membership Chairman reported on the new Life Members. The membership dues of $25.00 are funds used for the State Scholarship Fund. New members are Rosemary Walkup, Urbandale Garden Club; Vernadine Kaisand, Kellogg Garden Club; Rhonda Masser and Pat Nokes (repeat honoree), Webster City Garden Club; Patsy Sadler, Lois Vermeer, Florence Vander Meiden, Pella Garden Club; Norma Walker, Muscatine Garden Club.

Sela Bryne, Membership Chairman gave a report and the following statistics:

2016 – 1,234 members

2017 – l,161 members

A decrease of 73 members with 2 clubs who are no longer with the FGCI, they are Bevington and Jefferson. Some of those members have joined other Garden Clubs. At present we have 46 clubs with 1,161 members.

Clubs with most increase in membership were:

Ackworth and Floyd Valley has an increase of four.

Cedar Rapids with an increase of twelve.

Pat Thiede, announced the Scholarship Award Winners for Fall 2016-2017 from the College of Design; Landscape Architecture Department. – Emma Lorenz, Alysse Kirkman and Nathaniel Byro. Students for Spring 2017 Horticulture (College of Agriculture and Life Sciences) – Alexander Anthony, Taylor Heinrichs, Sarahi Trejo and Katelyn Mechelke and 2017-2018 National Garden Clubs Scholarship, Iowa nominee, Shelby M. Poole. Also the 2017 Regional Garden Club nominee, Riley Dunn who was not chosen to receive the award.

The Youth Awards were announced by Fran Stueck for Smokey Bear and Woodsey Owl Contests. There were winners from 1st through 5th grade sent to compete in Central Regional. There was no placement on the Regional level except for 3rd Place, Honorable Mention and Certificate of Appreciation.

Terri presented a gift to our President, Loretta Daisy.

Terri Ewers presented the State, Regional and National Awards.

**District Awards**

***At the District Meetings, the following awards were given***

Awards of Appreciation – 45 clubs

Blue Ribbon Club – 37 clubs

Blue Ribbon Year Book – 31 clubs

Advanced Rating – 29 clubs

**State Awards**

**Garden Therapy**

Ackworth Garden Club – Blue

Vinton Garden Club – Red

Pablo Alto Garden Club -- Yellow

**Civic**

Palo Alto Garden Club – Blue

Swaledale Federated Garden Club – Red

Afton Federated Garden Club – Yellow

Tipton Federated Garden Club – Honorable Mention

**Pettit Memorial**

Acksworth Garden Club

**Butterfly Project**

Swaledale Federated Garden Club – Blue

Palo Alto Garden Club – Red

Tipton Federated Garden Club – Yellow

Buena View Garden Club – Honorable Mention

Ackworth Garden Club – Honorable Mention

**Article on Gardening**

Palo Alto Garden Club – Blue

Independence Garden Club – Red

Marshwlltown Garden Club – Yellow

**Small Standard Show**

Decorah Town and Country Garden Club – Blue

Grerater Des Moines Garden Club – Red

**Bird Project**

Swadedale Federated Garden Club – Red

**Tree Project**

Swaledale Garden Club – Blue

**Plant It Pink**

Independence Federated Garden Club – Blue

Fort Dodge Federated Garden Club – Red

Greater Des Moines Garden Club – Yellow

**President's Project**

Quasqueton Garden Club – Blue

Buena View Federated Garden Club – Red

Palo Alto Garden Club – Yellow

**National Awards**

Entered: Award 20: Roadside Conservation – Palo Garden Club

Entered: Award 43: Swaledale Federated Garden Club

Entered: Award l : Civic Achievement – Palo Alto Garden Club

Entered: Award 19: Garden Therapy – Ackworth Garden Clubs

NGC – Award 5 – Club Standard Flower Show Achievement was presented Federated Garden Clubs of Iowa. Fort Dodge Federated Garden Club received this National Award.

**Iowa Scholarships**

**Central Region Awards**

Entered CR 3: Celebration Our Gardens – Marshalltown Garden Club

Entered: CR 7: Protecting Our Future – Ackworth Garden Club

**Smokey Bear/Woodsy Owl Environmental Poster Contest** – 161 entries

Prayer was offered by Roger Buhr for our Lunch Break at 12:15 pm.

Convened at 1:35PM

Program was given by our National President, Nancy Hargroves on “Contents of Fall and Winter Containers” Her theme is “Plant America”.

Nancy Hargroves installed the new Officers for 2017-2019. Her program was entitled “Hands in Service”

District 1 – Deb Bentley and Tracy Edens

District 2 – Mary Steuben

District 3 – Jean Van Veldhuizen

District 4, 5, 7 – Marilyn Moore

District 6 – Shirley Wolf

District 8 – Dennis Wolf

Treasurer – Sandy Stone

Secretary – Marlyn Rietveld-Ebbers

2nd Vice-President – Marlene Marolf

1st Vice-President – Walter Reemtsma

President-Elect – Terri Ewers

President – Juliene Bramer

Each new officers received a pair of garden gloves.

Walter Reemtsma announced the recipients of the awards for Circle of Roses.

Judy Bartender – Green Thumb FGC

Sela Bryne – Fort Dodge FGC

Pam Carlson – Swaledale FGC

Brenda Mick-Herring – Tipton FGC

Nile Landscaper – Knoxville FGC

Jeanette Lawrence – Fort Dodge FGC

Virginia Dahlia – Town and Country FGC, Decorah

Joan Money – Marshalltown FGC

Greta Meyer – Al gone Area FGC

Holly Tensor – Town and Country FGC, Webster City

Winifred Nolan – Floral Arrangers Guild

Linda Richards – Ackworth FGC

Ginny Rule – Cedar Rapids FGC

Kathy Tapken – Alton FGC

Lois Vermeer – Pella FGC

Sandy Wales – FGC

Marilyn Wallace – Knoxville FGC

Sharon Weeks – Ackworth FGC

Memorial Service for those who have died the past year was led by Walter Reemtsma. He reminded us that sharing our plants is a legacy we can give to each other and will live in our gardens. In addition to the names on file with the minutes, there were several members whose names were submitted from the floor. He concluded with prayer for the families of those who have died.

Shirley Wolf and Nancy Phillips, Flower Show Co-Chairman, presented the Flower Show Awards for 2017 State Flower Show.

Outgoing President, Loretta Daisy expressed her appreciation for the opportunity to serve as your State President.

Juliene Bramer, newly elected President was presented the State President's Pin from Loretta Daisy. She has selected as her Theme; Start Anew, Plant, Grow, Wonder and Remember. She also expressed her interest in saving seeds and learning more about geraniums. My goal is to make the website more visible on Facebook and also on the State level. She encouraged all FGC to apply for the many State and National awards that are available for our clubs. The State Meeting will be in Mason City for the next two years so save the date for 2018 and 2019.

Door prizes and Silent Auction Winners were announced.

Adjourned at 3:06 PM.