**FAIRBANKS GARDEN CLUB ANNUAL MEETING AND LUNCHEON OF 5-24-17**

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 **Appendix**

FGC Annual Meeting and Luncheon was held at the Old Colonial Restaurant on 5-24-17 with 35 members in attendance. Meeting was opened at 11:15am by co-president Christine Page.

Christine welcomed all to this wonderful luncheon and gave a special thank you to Palma Coccia, her family, and the restaurant staff, for the use of this beautiful venue and of the wonderful food prepared for us. Also, a thank you to Joan Hartzel and Annette O’Shea of Programs/Workshops, for coordinating the luncheon.

**Item #1 Honorary Membership-Lois Crocker**

**A motion was made by Christine P. to list Lois Crocker(Mrs. Dean) as an Honorary Member of the FGC--Seconded by Marion Kirohn—Vote—Unanimous.**

**Item #2 Plant Sale—Carol Dixon**

Carol Dixon, this year’s plant sale chair, gave a big thank you to all. The sale was very successful and earned $2427.50 Carol stated that we had a lot of competition this year with many other different events throughout town. We had wonderful participation; the plants were lovely and the garden art beautiful. The raffle was very successful. Special thanks to Alice, Soroj, Jane and Marion for all their help. Please send along any suggestions to Carol to make next year’s plant sale even better. Carol D. reminded us that the next Fairbanks House clean-up will be June 1. Christine P. stated thank you for chairing the Plant Sale.

**Item #3 Recognition of Retiring Members**

At this time Christine P. recognized the retiring comm. chair members. Mary Geary, Membership Joan Hartzel, Programs/Workshops, Anne Marie Fitzpatrick, Hospitality, Alice Ungetrhuem, Conservation/Tours, Annette O’Shea,(not in attendance) Programs/Workshops, and Jane Crandall. All of these FGC Chair members have dedicated countless hours to FGC, all done for the love and care for each other and for the FGC. Thank you all. Beautiful plants were presented to all the retiring chair members. Christine P. reminded us of the Fairbanks Family reunion scheduled for 8/12/17.

**Item #4 Bylaws—Loretta Larraga**

Loretta L. Bylaws Comm. Chairs stated that the board has decided to postpone the FGC members voting on the bylaws at this meeting. Loretta said that more work is needed to review the voting portion of the bylaws. This review will happen in September/October.

**Item #5 Annette Eddy—Presentation of plant to Christine Page, Co-President**

At this time Annette E. Co-President presented Christine P. with a lovely plant. Annette thanked Christine for all her help at all times, level headedness, and being a great teacher to her.

**Item #6 Elections of Co-President and Corresponding Secretary**

At this point in our meeting, the meeting was handed over to Loretta Larraga, Teller #1, to conduct the elections proceedings. Loretta began by giving a general overview as to what will transpire before, during and after the elections. Roughly they are:

1. Co-President elect will be first.
2. Candidates can speak for 2 minutes
3. The floor will be opened to all to speak for 2 minutes
4. Ballots will be distributed
5. Ballots will be folded (by self) and put into ballot box

*This will be the same procedure for Corresponding Secretary*

1. We will then have luncheon
2. The three Tellers (Loretta Larraga, Marion Kirohn, and Rose Favret, will then count the ballots (in a separate part of restaurant)
3. Results will be read by Annette Eddy, Co-President
4. The new slate of Officers to be read to all members by Rose Favret, Recording Secretary

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Pre-election speeches began by Charlotte Pollock for the office of Co-President. Marilyn Gosselin and Christine Page spoke for the office of Corresponding Secretary.

Several members, Sandra Siber, Lisa Brayton, and Soroj Joshi spoke on behalf Marilyn Gosselin

Ballots were then collected, lunch, count, announcements. The vote counting took 30 minutes.

***Loretta Larraga, Teller #1 will elaborate more fully on the election proceedings with her election procedures appendix to follow. Those notes will become an addendum part of the minutes of 5/24/17.***