Meeting Notes: 10/8/26

Meeting Notes submitted by Georgiana Snyderman due to the absence of secretary/treasurer Chris Meyer.

Caroline called the meeting to order at 9:30am.

The meeting was attended by: Judith Allen, Sissy Ashby, Renee Augins, Jim Cullen, Sandra Elam, Anna Hattway, Judy Haverkamp, Caroline McCullen, Betsy Murelle, Lochie Overby, Colleen Richling, Georgiana Snyderman, Pam Thompson, Roger Ward, Susan Ward, Grae Williams.

Caroline welcomed new members: Judith Allen and Gloria Powell, gnpowell496@gmail.com, 919-815-6364. Judith's contact information has been added to the membership roster.

Caroline showed photos of the summer garden in full bloom and encouraged members to go to the website and check out additional photos of events as well as the watering schedule.

The watering schedule was circulated, there are still a few slots to fill.

A sign up sheet was also passed for fall planting volunteers. Caroline mentioned that only a few gardeners are needed for each planting session. In the winter garden we will be planting flowers, herbs, vegetables and bulbs.

Carol Briggs needs volunteers to help with the December Garden Party. Let Caroline know if you are available.

Treasurer's Report $2208.59 Spent; $791.41 Balance

Sissy Ashby reported on upcoming programs.

JC Raulston Arboretum, Moonlight In The Garden is scheduled November 6-7, 13-14, 20-21. Tickets are on sale now. The nonmember price is $33.56. Since this is an evening event HBP transportation may not be available.

Another event coming up is the annual tour of the Isabelle Bowen Henderson Garden, located off Oberlin Road. The Garden is open one day a year. The upcoming date will be April 3,2027. We would like to use HBP bus transportation. Depending on the level of interest in the tour we should consider opening up the trip to HBP residents. Sissy is in contact with Mary Francis from the Garden. Tickets are not yet available.

Susan Ward gave the Life Comfort report.

Since the last meeting 10 vases were delivered. A total of 58 vases have been delivered since the beginning of the program in May. Susan passed around many of the thank you cards the club has received. The team was thanked. As flower recipients, Caroline and Lochie said how much the flowers meant, especially the hand painted cards made by Susan Ward.

Jim Cullen gave an update on the beds and the roses.

The beds are nearly cleared out. We donated the large asters and have dwarf replacements. The winter beds will have grasses, evergreens, pansies and violas.

Roses: The Eden climbing variety that we have in our garden usually does not bloom in the second year, it just continues to grow. We have to leave it and it will bloom on old growth. We won't prune it back.

The canes need to be horizontal to grow. We will be tying back the canes.

The climbing roses on either side of the gate are not appropriate because they block the gate and cannot be tied back. Jim recommends replacing them. There is a Florabunda variety that is a perfect match for the existing Eden roses. We would like to have the landscapers remove the climbers and plant the new variety.

Sissy reviewed the planting plan for the beds.

The bed layout plan was circulated along with computer generated renderings of the beds showing the colors and plant selection.

The sprinklers are hitting the roses again during the afternoon watering. This should be addressed with the Landscapers.

Colleen Richling reported on this years bulb selection. She described last years lasagna style planting in one of the beds and the different flowers that were used. This year we will be using five planters placed in the bed area.

The bulbs were purchased from Holland Farm Bulbs. They offered lasagna mixes which include tulips, daffodils, irises, crocus and many more colorful flowers. Last year we topped the planters with pansies.

Colleen suggested maybe we should use mulch this year. We need to purchase bonemeal for planting. We will use the soil we have in the pots.

Sissy raised a question: would we want to consider raised rectangular boxes placed against the greenhouse for bulbs in the future.

Anna Hattaway suggested placing left over bulbs in planters in other parts of the HBP property

Susan Ward asked to borrow the garden cart for her Olympic team . Everyone agreed.

The Company that cares for the orchids in the lobby throws them away after a period of time. Often they offer them to residents who happen to be around. The suggestion was made to talk to the Company

And see if they would make them available to all residents. The Garden Club needs to follow up with the appropriate HBP department responsible for the indoor plants.

Sissy will talk to her compost company about providing a collection box for plants discarded by HBP Residents.

Members suggested that many Residents are not familiar with the garden. In the future Caroline will show photos of the garden as part of her presentations at the Town Hall meetings.

Caroline adjourned the meeting at 10:30.