

Grimsby Garden Club

Minutes of Annual General Meeting 2021, prepared by Sue Rigato

Monday, November 29, 2021, Online via Zoom

Welcome by President, Stephen Hargrave

Motion to Accept 2020 AGM Meeting Minutes: Karen Gough; Seconded: Deena Errampalli

Review of past year accomplishments by Stephen Hargrave:

- Membership remains strong. Welcome to our new members. Reminder to renew membership for 2022.
- Thank you to Liza Fuller, Plant Sale Chair, and Marilyn Cornwell and all the volunteers, for outstanding plant sales in 2021. We had another successful Trillium program this past year. Thank you to Sue Rigato, Trillium chair, and all the volunteer judges. In conjunction with the Town of Grimsby, we created a new garden in front of Town Hall, called the Hope Garden, which we hope to expand each year. We beautified Grimsby, thanks to our Civic Chairs, Karen Gough and Jay Du Boisson, with planters, hanging baskets and the Elm Street garden beds. Thanks to all the volunteers for their help to maintain these public gardens. The Town Hall Christmas tree is back this year, more beautiful than ever, thanks to Roberta Blackie and Lauren Doig, who also created the Fantasy of Trees entry.
- Next year, we will have the 2022 Garden Tour, Chaired by Deena Errampalli.

Treasurer's Report by Joe Fisher

- John Edwards audit of club finances went well. Thank you to Jim Howden for helping with the books.
- We start off this year with about \$4,500 in cash and \$20,000 in short and long term investments, for a total of \$24,500.
- **The plan for the new year:**
 - REVENUE: We plan to take in about \$12,000 (Government grant \$1,000, DIA \$1,000, sponsors \$3,500, Plant & Tree sales \$5,000, Town/ 50% of Trillium Stakes \$1,000, Membership Dues \$1,200)
 - EXPENSES: Approximately \$11,000
 - We could end up with a surplus of about \$5,000 - \$6,000, depending on how plant and tree sales perform.
 - As the garden club has healthy finances, an idea under consideration is for the Grimsby Garden Club to contribute \$10,000-\$20,000 to the landscaping for the New West Lincoln Memorial Hospital.

Motion to Accept Treasurer's report: Dorothy Wood; Seconded: Deena Errampalli, All in favor, Carried.

Installation of the Officers and Directors for 2022 by Susan Lusted, OHA District 9 Assistant Director

- Close 2021 Board:
 - Motion to approve the actions and decisions of the executive committee and board of directors of the Grimsby Garden Club for the year 2021: Mary McLaren, Seconded Anna Fragapane.
 - Susan Lusted declared the past board for the Grimsby Garden Club closed for 2021.
- Election of 2022 Officers:
 - Stephen Hargrave President

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- Sue Rigato Secretary
 - Joe Fisher Treasurer
 - Karen Gough Director
 - Denise Snow-Carter Director
 - Liza Fuller Director
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- Susan asked if there were any other nominations from the meeting attendees. Question repeated three times. No new nominations came forward. Susan then declared elections were closed.

 - Installation of 2022 Officers:
 - Message to the elected officers: As we begin a new year in the work of the Grimsby Garden Club, consider the objectives and work of your group. Despite all of the difficulties this past year, the Grimsby Garden Club has maintained its goal in beautifying and caring for our community through horticulture. Meetings have been held and technology has been embraced. At this time, you, the incoming executive, are offering yourselves for service in the community to promote the objectives of the club and to promote the objectives of the Ontario Horticultural Association. As the elected officers of the Grimsby Garden Club, you hereby accept the articles and bylaws of the constitution of the Grimsby Garden Club.

 - Motion to the board to accept the responsibilities and duties associated with the offices to which you are elected: EVERYONE SAID YES

 - Message to the members of the Grimsby Garden Club: You have chosen your officers and they have accepted their responsibility. They have their part, and equally, you have yours. Throughout the coming year there will be challenges and I am confident that you as members will assist this executive to meet them easily. I'm sure you will support the incoming executive in their efforts to carry out a successful program. They depend on your support and cooperation. By working together, you will have another successful year.

 - Susan declared members of the Executive Committee and Directors to be duly installed with best wishes and gratitude from the Ontario Horticultural Association and District 9 for the coming year.

 - Special thank you's to outgoing members of the board Roberta Blackie, Jay Du Boisson, Emma Parkinson.