

Russell and District Horticultural Society

Minutes of meeting Monday, September 18, 2017

7 p.m. at the Home of Pegi Holtz

1. Carole van Die welcomed everyone to the meeting at thanked Pegi for the use of her workshop to hold the meeting.
 - a. There were 32 members present
2. Susan Barr approved the minutes from the June meeting, seconded by Marilyn Mac Millan.
3. Alice Proper gave a report on the Russell Fair.
4. A discussion was held about the trees that are planted at Maryann Vedder's family's place. They are to be moved, but if anyone wants one they are for the following: 'White Birch': \$15.00; all other trees: \$20.00. Jacqueline Wyss is to send photos to members via email and Maryann is to collect the money.
5. The next meeting is October 16th and the topic is to be 'How it was in the Olden Days'.
6. Future meetings are to be held at Russell Meadows Retirement Home located at 475 Church St. In Russell. Carole explained that we lost our Monday evening to a Dart League taking place in the Lion's Den (not by choice of the Lion's but by the League). The horticultural society was offered Wednesday evening, however it was decided that since all our printed advertisements are for Monday night, we would search for a new location. Since we will no longer have our meeting at the legion, we will also no longer be maintaining the gardens around the legion. Meetings will remain at 7pm, however the front doors at Russell Meadows are locked at 6:30. The first couple meetings someone will wait at the doors to let people in, but please be on time. If you are late, there is a side door that will remain open.
7. Public Announcements:
 - a. On Thursday, October 5 at 10am there will be a tree planting at the children's play structure beside the Russell Public Library. Tree Canada, Home Hardware and RDHS have partnered together for this event. Beyond the House will plant the trees, Home Hardware and Tim Horton's will provide Tim Bits and Coffee and RDHS will provide some other refreshments.
 - b. Russell Village Women's Institute have requested a donation for the 40 hanging baskets that they organize to have put up around Russell.
 - c. On Saturday October 14, 2017 at Russell High School there will be an 'Art in the Dark' event. The evening begins with a dinner followed by an art project using blindfolds and ear plugs. Tickets are available at www.deafblindontario.com
 - d. Marie-Claire Ivanski announced that on October 21 there will be a 'local flavours' event at the Embrun Recreation Hall. There will be tasting of local beer, wine, and foods. \$10 in advance or \$20 at the door. You pay for tokens and then cash them in at the booths for your sample. All proceeds will be donated to Victoria's Quilts.

8. Marilyn read Thank You cards from the high school students that received the bursaries donated by the horticultural society.
9. Steve Mihok thanked the horticultural society for the labels for the fruit shrubs along the fitness trail. He is also requesting plastic pots. He also announced that Russell Township is doing some rebranding and there will be a public meeting coming up soon if anyone wants to provide input.
10. Lindley awarded Rosi her award for her poetry submission at the convention.
11. Carole summarized the President's tea held earlier this summer and gave Patricia Stachon her Past President Pin
12. Carole gave Lindley her Life Membership.
13. Connie Johnston announced that as the prize for winning the 2nd place award for best float in the Russell Canada Day Parade, she picked to have a Burr Oak planted at the children's play ground beside the library. A carved wooden plaque 18"x24" will be placed by the tree.
14. The treats for the evening were provided by Carole.
15. The gifts from the garden auction then took place with Lindley doing most of the auctioneering. A total of \$385 was raised.