**Mount Airy Clay Breakers Garden Club**

**January 14, 2021**

**Minutes**

Start time for the meeting was 12:47 p.m.

Present: Diana Morse, Deborah Determan, Iona Black, Elaine Arnold, Julie Harrison, Esther Neckere, Arminta Donovan, Dot Lower, Linda Millette, Gilda Allen, Lorraine Leonard

Absent: Connie Dalpra, Lucille Gwynn, Marilyn Berkut, Mary Beth Cecil, Joyce Meyer, Carol Ober, and Mary Woodruff

With roll call, we all answered the question about a favorite flower or garden show we attended.

Program: The group was provided a link to watch a video on the Chelsea Flower Show. Elaine presented a program about the flower show’s history, and how it changed over the years. She described the preparation that goes into the show and some of the more unusual exhibits and included info on the patronage of English royalty and the show. She led a discussion of the members on the show and their impressions. Lorraine has a DVD of a comedy where the Chelsea Flower Show is featured; get with her if you’d like to borrow it.

Conservation: Lorraine passed on Mary Beth’s report on the Tru-Earth Eco Strips (laundry detergent) and how they save on plastic jug disposal. She showed samples and answered questions. She also told about the new State of MD DME (Durable Medical Equipment) facility in the old state tobacco warehouse in Cheltenham. They accept used hospital beds, wheelchairs, walkers, bathroom equipment, etc. They repair it if necessary and sanitize it in the “scrub hub” before distributing it to people who need it. For more info, contact Lorraine.

Sunshine: Arminta sent a get well card to Jackie George and a birthday card to Iona Black. The group suggested a card from the club to Lucille's daughter, Ann. Linda will provide Joyce's daughter's address.

Newsletter: Members were asked to donate pictures of their winter gardens.

Linda discussed the video link on Emily Dickenson that the NCAGC provided and the book on the subject by Marta McDowell.

Treasurer’s Report: Dot reported $1,861.57 in our account plus $110 added from the knife/cooking equipment fundraiser minus $5.00 for maintenance fee.

New Business:

1.       If anyone needs zinnia or marigold seeds, get with Gilda. Also, let the club know if you have any seeds to share.

2.       Group talked about our annual donations. We will talk further about donating money to the Frederick Douglass High School Courtyard Garden that Linda is organizing.

3.       Dues are due in May, but Dot is accepting checks for $25 now, if you’d like to mail it to her.

4.       Lorraine will be heading up the nominating committee and will be calling people to help.

Next program will be “Parker’s Garden” presented by Gilda with help from Parker.

Meeting ended at 2:27 p.m.

Respectively submitted,

Iona J. Black and Lorraine Leonard