

Wollaston Garden Club Meeting Minutes

March 16, 2017

President Jan Clifford called the meeting to order at 12:20 p.m.

Jan thanked the Hospitality Committee for the luncheon chaired by Virginia Duffy and her crew of Janet Lynch, Jo Costello, Mary Brady, Anita Fasano, Donna Marston, Kathy Meade and Anne Marie Brady. Marie Blanchard and Linda Della Croce provided the floral arrangements which will become part of the raffle items.

Faith Raimondi gave the Treasurer's Report

As of March 8 th , 2017 the checking account balance	\$ 16, 695.52	
	Income	\$129.76
	Expenses	\$2599.17
	Balance	
	\$14,226.11	
	CD Balance as of 11/30/16	
	\$5492.77	
	Greens Sale income	
	\$7,600.00	
	Net Profit	\$5,189.94*
	(\$49.94 more than 2015 but no raffle in 2016)	

Announcements

WGC has signed a letter urging Congress to add funding to the Dept. of Housing and Urban Development Community Development Block Grant Program. This program provides funding for the Houghs Neck Community Center as well as development of open spaces. The City of Quincy distributed the request to organizations throughout the City to sign. All signed letters will be forwarded in April.

Membership Updates

Copies of mid-year addendums are on the reception table. Renewal applications and New Member applications are available from Anita Fasano and Donna Marston. There are two new categories for members of 10 years standing.

Nominating Committee for 2018

One person is needed to represent the membership. This involves phone calls, meeting other members, detailed descriptions of board and committee positions.

- Marnie Dunn is the Chairperson who was selected by the President, Jan.
- Mary Ryan was selected by the Board

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- Lori Jackson volunteered to fill the third slot.

Tri-Club Sign-Up

Last chance for the Tri-Club meeting with Houghs Neck (host) and Seaside Gardeners of Squantum which takes place on Wednesday, April 5th at 6:45 p.m. at St. Thomas Aquinas Hall behind Blessed Sacrament Church, 1015 Sea St. Art Scarpa will be the speaker with his "Traveling Succulent Show".

Fairies in the Garden Workshop will be on April 12 at Houghs Neck Community Center 7-9 p.m. with Cynthia Lewis instructing. The Club will provide all the basics but you can personalize it by bringing your own accessories. Cost is \$25 per person. Bring gloves and scissors.

Caring for Our Planet Program is part of Quincy Environmental Treasures led by Sally Own

will be on April 18th beginning at 6 p.m. at the Thomas Crane Public Library. They'll be speeches by local dignitaries, raffles and tables so clubs will can show what they do and use it as a recruiting tool. The movie, Ocean Frontiers III will be shown and is free.

South Shore District luncheon -April 28th at Marshfield Country Club 10-1 p.m.

- Morraine St. \$32 pp. WGC can offset some of the costs.
- Each Club brings a centerpiece which is part of the raffle
- Speaker is Suzanne Mahler on the "Great Public Gardens of New England"

Field trip to Pettengill Farm Tour & Lunch Salisbury, MA

The date has been changed to June 22nd as farm owners feel that the flowers will be better then. Lunch will be at the Seaglass Restaurant which is on the water. Detailed information is on each table and a sign- up sheet is on the back table. Members will carpool.

Jan reminded members to not forget the Boston Flower and Garden Show from March 22 to March 26 at the Seaport World Trade Center. We have two tickets available as raffle prizes. They are still looking for volunteers. See Jan if you are interested.

The Garden Club Federation of MA Gardening Studies, Master Gardeners Home Horticultural and Training Programs are getting underway. Information is available on the back table.

Art in Bloom

Jo Costello & Ruth Griffin went to Art in Bloom orientation at the MFA and are assigned to interpret a portrait done by Max Beckmann (portrait of a man, Terry Rathbone, who was a supporter of Max Beckmann) The exhibit runs from April 29-May 1st.

Meeting adjourned at 1:40 p.m.

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