

Wollaston Garden Club Meeting Minutes

September 20, 2018

President Emily Lebo called the meeting to order at 7:05 p.m. She welcomed our returning members, of which there were 52 present and 9 guests. She thanked the Hospitality Hostess, Claire Turck and her team of Ann McDonagh, Anneli Johnson, Diane Foley, Gail Spring, Linda Browne, Lisa Tavakoli, Marilyn O'Maley, Nancy Nelson, Ruth Dravinskas and Virginia Duffy.

Our treasurer, Linda Monaco, gave the Treasurer's Report.

Review of 2018-2019 Budget and current financial condition

Linda reviewed the budget and is projecting income of \$18,801, and expenses of \$22,541.00. The Board has already reviewed and approved the budget. Linda reported that Emily is researching the purchase of a new sound system, and since this is related to the Program, we have budgeted an additional \$500 for it under Programs. The other increases are related to additional Civic Beautification projects and the Tri-Club meeting we will be hosting in April.

Jan Clifford made a motion to accept the budget as presented, and it was seconded by Ann Foresman.

The WGC unanimously approved the budget as projected.

The checking account beginning balance as of 8/31/18 was	\$16,373.65
✓ Income and interest =	\$120.70
✓ WCC Rent-Sept =	\$100.00
✓ Balance	\$16,394.35
✓ CD	\$5623.08

Linda is waiting to hear from the auditor. Copies of the budget were placed on the back table for members' review.

The Board Meeting was last week (September 13th) and the minutes are on the WGC website.

Emily thanked everyone for participating in our various committees and any updates that we received from those committees are in the minutes.

Emily announced that the yearbooks are here and a special thanks was extended to Jan Clifford, Suzanne West, Kathy Ceurvels, Anita Fasano, Marnie Dunn and Ann Foresman for their work on this beautiful edition. We should receive an award for it for sure. It contains the contact information of all our members. If you want to communicate to all members or many of our members, you should do that through the Board. We try to restrict our communication to them to club business but recognize that sometimes there are things that we would like to share. Only the President or designated officers should be sending out emails to the Club in general. Committee Chairs also communicate to their team.

Field Trip to Cider Hill Farm, Amesbury will be on October 4th with Apple Picking, Anneli Johnson is coordinating that and there is a signup sheet on the table please be sure to sign up and indicate if you can drive, and how many passengers you can take.

Many participated in last spring's "**Dress A Girl**" event and it was great to see you all in the Quincy Sun. Joan Donovan has another event planned for October 20th and if you are interested, you can sign up on her sheet or email her directly about it.

The Greens Sale is our big fundraiser for the year and it is not too early to start thinking about it. Our wish list is on page 16 of the Yearbook. Please scope out places in your yard, your neighbors' yards or

other property that might have interesting evergreens that we can get. Let folks know that if they have a tree or shrub that needs to be cut or that we can prune, a team led by Kathy Ceurvels and Ann Foresman will come out closer to the time and cut them for you, if you need help. Don't cut anything yet as we want it to be as fresh as possible. Ann and Kathy will let us know when to start that.

Rebecca Dinsmore received a \$500 Garden Club Federation grant to refresh the Boxwood Parterre (formal garden outlined in boxwood) at the Dorothy Quincy House.

The WGC contributed to Penny Pine plantation which goes to replanting replacement and/or trees indigenous (Not Just Pine Trees) to a particular damaged area, whether by fire or by other natural catastrophe. Contributions may be made to honor particular individuals who have made significant contributions to the club: this year's certificate was in honor of Marie Blanchard.

There are a few classes listed in the Yearbook for your information. Please check for details.

- October 25-27-Landscape Design School
- November 12-Horticultural Workshop

Claire Fitzmaurice is looking for volunteers to make sachets for the Greens Sale.

Emily urged members to help themselves to the beverages and snacks and welcomed our presenters. The "Art in Bloom Road Show" was presented by two Senior Associates, Meg Pierce and Thu-Hang Tran who gave a colorful PowerPoint presentation and demonstration which depicted behind-the-scenes preparations for the Art in Bloom annual festival of art and flowers.

The meeting adjourned at 8:35 p.m.