

Wollaston Garden Club Meeting Minutes
October 18, 2018

President Emily Lebo called the meeting to order at 12:00 p.m. and asked those present to help themselves to lunch before the business portion began.

Emily thanked hostess committee chairs Kathy Meade and Anne McCarthy for acting as head hostesses, and thanked their committee consisting of Kate Wylie, Jo Costello, Barbara Linden, Ruth Griffin, Ellie Cleveland, Joan Donovan, Emily Lebo, Cynthia O'Meara, Judy Hurstak, Virginia Duffy and Cynthia Lewis.

She thanked Lisa Tavakoli for the buffet table arrangement and Susan Lynch for the table arrangements, all of which were available for an opportunity drawing. She welcomed new members Pat Barry and Mary O'Brien, as well as several guests, and suggested members be sure to look at the Horticulture Table, which featured flowers still in bloom in our gardens. Information about several GCFM schools and workshops was available on the reception table.

She mentioned that the minutes for the last meeting were posted on the website and asked if there were any changes. She asked for a motion to accept. Motion was made by Kay Borek and seconded by Ann Foresman.

She pointed out that the club had donated enough for a Pennies for Pines certificate, which we had requested be in the name of Marie Blanchard.

She asked for a Treasurer's report from Linda Monaco. Linda indicated the following :

Beginning balance as of September 1, 2018 was \$16, 394.35

Income Received: \$342.61

Expenses: \$1,895.88

Ending balance: \$14,841.08

Certificate of Deposit: \$5628.86

Linda also gave an update on the status of the Greens Sale. Preliminary meeting was held in late September with a few committee members and a larger meeting is scheduled for late October. Inventory was taken of materials, and it appears we have a good supply of most embellishments and working materials, However, we do need greens such as balsam, fir, spruce, cedar, boxwood, white and black pine, juniper, red and green twig dogwood and winterberry. She urged members to be on the lookout for potential sites where we could cut greens, but not to cut any until the week of the sale so that they would be fresh. She announced that sign up sheets to work the various days leading up to the sale, as well as cutting and supplying greens, were available at the back table, and sign up sheets for the food donations were at the reception table at the front. These will also be available at the November meeting. Linda advised that Cynthia Lewis would be doing Swag and Wreath Making workshops for everyone planning to be at our Thursday, November 29 sessions, both in the morning and afternoon. Cynthia is also going to be doing a Boxwood workshop at the Houghs Neck Community Center on November 12. Members can make a holiday Boxwood tree for Thanksgiving and later change the

decorations to Christmas if they wish. Several members will be making trees to sell at the Greens Sale. From past experience, we know that boxwood trees, if kept cool and sprayed with water frequently, can last for many weeks.

Emily advised the group that we have 4 people attending the GCFM Fall Conference, Cynthia Lewis, Ann Foresman, Anita Fasano and herself. She asked if any committee chairs had updates for the group.

Ann Foresman announced that she had been in touch with someone from Eastern Nazarene College, and that they would like to have us prune certain of their bushes and use the cuttings for the Greens Sale. She is looking for volunteers to go with her on a fact finding trip in November. Ann also thanked everyone who helped at any of our Civic Beautification sites over the summer. Everything looks great thanks to all the hard work. Cynthia Lewis announced that she would be doing a Wreath Workshop after the Greens sale so that members could make a wreath for themselves. More information to follow. Eric Hall introduced himself as the new Conservation Chair and asked if there were any members of the committee present so that he could meet with them and discuss possible activities the committee could participate in this year.

Rebecca Dinsmore and Emily spoke about the \$500 Grant that Rebecca had received from GCFM for restoration of one of the boxwood gardens at the Dorothy Quincy House.

We need additional funding and will be applying for additional grants from the city.

Emily then announced that she is looking for 2 individuals to share the duties of Vice President for the next two years, with the intention of creating a co-presidency in the future. Because of the size and diversity of our activities, the club has become too difficult for one person, and she believes the best solution will be to have shared responsibilities. Emily and some of the past presidents will be available to help the volunteers. Please contact her if you are interested in hearing more about the positions. Emily then introduced our speaker, Mike Nelson, recently retired from Norfolk County Agricultural High School where he taught Plant Science. Mike discussed some of the challenges faced by today's gardeners; weeds and wildlife.

The meeting was adjourned at 2:00 p.m.

Submitted by Jan Clifford on behalf of Mary Ryan, Recording Secretary