

**Needham Garden Club General Meeting Minutes**  
**October 17, 2017**

**President Diana Conroy** called the meeting to order at 9:42 a.m. She welcomed members and thanked the Horticulture Committee for the treats for the meeting, as well as the Hospitality Committee for organizing the luncheon.

**Recording Secretary** – A correction to the September minutes was made, that being that the Metrowest Fall Conference is on October 25 in Boxboro. A motion was made to accept the minutes from September’s general meeting; said motion passed.

**Corresponding Secretary** – No update.

**Treasurer/Finance Committee** – Martha Schleck made available copies of the most recent Treasurer’s report. Those seeking reimbursement of expenses from the club should obtain a reimbursement form from Martha.

**Community Outreach** – Lynne Jones informed the members of upcoming outreach opportunities, as follows: bulb planting at Noyes Garden on Oct. 19; Garden Therapy at Briarwood on Oct. 26; and Garden Therapy at Avita on Nov. 30. Sign-up sheets for all three events are available.

**Flower Arranging** – Anne Carlson thanked members for signing up for the October table design event, and expressed the committee’s hope that the participants have enjoyed it.

**Horticulture** – Cathie Cummings drew members’ attention to the plant swap area on the tables in the back of the room.

**Hospitality** – Mary Toran informed the club that 41 members had signed up for the luncheon.

**Membership** – Bonnie Waters presented new member Kathleen LaCerde with an apron and yearbook. She also informed the members that Ellen Waltzman will be joining the club. Bonnie also reminded members to sign in.

**Newsletter** – No update. Nancy Agler advised that the newsletters are available on the website.

**Nominating** – No update.

**Program** – Fawn Hurwitz provided information concerning other upcoming events. On November 8, Candace Morgenstern will be the presenter at a Victorian-themed event for the

Scholarship Committee of the GCFM, to be held at the Double Tree Hilton in Milford, which will also include a high tea luncheon. Also, on April 24, the GCFM's annual Ruth A. Wallack presentation will feature international designer Francine Thomas. The April 24th NGC program has been rescheduled to May 1, same time and place (Library Community Room at 9:30 a.m.) (The Board meeting will follow.)

**Publicity** – No update.

**Ways and Means** – Janice Berns and Jane Lischewski stated that with the help of Dave Volante, they were able to secure wreaths for this year's sale. Yard signs are available and members were asked to take one and put it up two weeks before the wreath sale. They will also be creating a flyer about the sale for distribution. Sign-up sheets for several parts of this fundraiser were available, as follows: Nov. 9 – bow-making at Lynne Braley's at 10:30; Nov. 29 – make your own wreath or arrangement at the library Community Room (sign-ups for this event will close next Friday); Nov. 30 – set up at the Congregational Church in the afternoon; Dec. 1 – wreath and arrangement-making at the Congregational Church from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.; Dec. 2 – wreath and arrangement sale at the Congregational Church from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. All members are asked to sign up to work part of the day on Dec. 1 and Dec. 2. Also, all members are asked to bring greens to the wreath and arrangement-making event on Dec. 1.

**Website** – Nancy Agler advised that the website has been updated and information concerning the events described by Fawn is available on the website. Also, photos have been posted of the field trip to the Rose Kennedy Greenway.

**Yearbook** – No update.

The business meeting adjourned at 10:05 a.m., at which point the table design event began.

Respectfully submitted by Jane Brand, Recording Secretary.