

Needham Garden Club Board Minutes

October 3, 2017

(18 Board Members present)

Co-President Nancy Agler called the meeting to order at 9:35 a.m. She thanked Cathy MacFarlane for hosting and Nina Saltus for co-hosting.

Recording Secretary Jane Brand was not present but previously emailed the September 12 minutes to the Board. A motion was made and the minutes were accepted unanimously.

Corresponding Secretary Cathy MacFarlane passed out a list of the Board Meeting Hostesses and Co-Hostesses for 2017-2018. Cathy is in the process of purchasing a book for the library in memory of Peg Haggerott, and has sent sympathy cards to Carol Alper and Fabienne Madsen on the passing of their dads, and Cathy Flaherty on the passing of her brother.

Treasurer Martha Schleck previously emailed the September Treasurer's Report to the Board. The beginning September checkbook balance was \$23,546.66; cash on hand \$280.00, for a total of \$23,826.66. Total income was \$253.00; total expenses for the month, \$659.42, leaving a checkbook balance of \$23,140.24 with \$280.00 in the cash box. The Treasurer's Report was unanimously accepted.

Community Outreach Co-Chair Debbie Wentworth announced the next Garden Therapy is Thursday, October 26, 10:00 a.m. at Briarwood. There will be a sign-up sheet at the October 17 General Meeting. **Co-Chair Lynn Jones** announced the Committee will be planting bulbs, daffodils and crocus, at Noyes Park on Thursday, October 19, at 10:00 a.m.

Flower Arranging Co-Chair Char Sidell reported there are seven groups of three or four members participating in the October 17 mixer, "Let Gourds Be Your Inspiration."

Horticulture Co-Chair Eileen Mecagni thanked all who participated in the Rose Kennedy Greenway field trip, which was a great success. The October 17 Horticulture Corner will be a Plant Swap of cuttings or divisions of house or garden plants. Members should be prepared to bring home any of their plants that are not adopted.

Hospitality Co-Chair Mary Toran reported that she spoke to Danielle Tawa, Archivist at the Needham Public Library, about putting the last nine years of NGC minutes on a flash drive rather than paper copies, and she agreed that would be fine. Mary circulated the sign-up for the October 17 Luncheon and asked that another reminder be sent out to the membership.

Membership Co-Chair Bonnie Waters announced a new member, Kathleen LaCerde. She has not yet been assigned to a Committee. Bonnie handed out five information packets to prospective new members at the last General Meeting.

Newsletter: It was agreed that Jane Brand did an excellent job on the September/October Newsletter. **Co-Chair Amy Cicala** announced that the deadline for the November/December Newsletter is October 10. Please be sure to get the information to Carol Alper as soon as possible.

Program Committee Co-Chair Fawn Hurwitz announced that GCFM is planning the Ruth Wallack Program at Regis College on April 24, which conflicts with our General Meeting and program, "The history of the Tulip." She is looking into combining the tulip program with our May 1 President's Luncheon and holding both at the Library. Many of our members have attended the Wallack program in the past. Announcements re this change will be made soon.

Ways and Means Co-Chair Jane Lischewski reported that the Wreath & Arrangements Sale yard signs have been ordered. Diana Conroy will make her Mason Jars with bulbs again, and Char Sidell has a bag of baskets to donate. Jane announced the wreath workshop and sale will be from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m., not 2:00 p.m. Items that are not sold by 11:00 a.m. will be marked down.

Website Chair Nancy Agler reported she has updated the site and Lyn Jekowsky is looking into creating a NGC Facebook account.

Yearbook Co-Chair Karan Taggart will email the changes in the Yearbook to the membership.

Old Business: After much discussion, it was agreed that we need to finalize plans for a Marie Langley memorial.

Diana and Nancy were interviewed by two NHS students for the Needham High-Greater Boston Project.

Diana announced that Char Sidell has donated two BSO tickets to be placed on our tree at the Mass Hort Festival of Trees.

New Business: Nancy Agler introduced the “Penny Pines Program” which is a conservation project run by the National Garden Clubs, Inc. A contribution of \$68.00 will go toward the cost of replanting and/or replacement of trees indigenous to a particular area damaged by fire or other natural catastrophe. There will be a bag to collect coins at the next meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 10:55 a.m.

Submitted by Mary Toran ~ Substitute Recording Secretary

Present: Nancy Agler, Nina Saltus, Char Sidell, Cathy MacFarlane, Martha Schleck, Debbie Wentworth, Lynn Jones, Jane Lischewski, Karen Taggart, Amy Cicala, Diana Conroy, Lynne Braley, Bonnie Waters, Fawn Hurwitz, Mary Toran, Sally Toran, Gail Davis, and Eileen Mecagni.