

Needham Garden Club Board Minutes
October 4, 2016
(14 Board Members present)

Acting President Martha Schleck called the meeting to order at 9:35 a.m. She thanked Gail Davis for hosting and Carol Alper for co-hosting.

Recording Secretary Mary Toran previously emailed the minutes of the September 13 Board Meeting to the Board. After adding the names of members who volunteered to form a sub-committee to reevaluate the future of the Plant Sale, the minutes were unanimously accepted as amended. Those members were Cathie Cummings, Gail Davis, Karen Taggart and Diana Conroy.

Corresponding Secretary Nina Saltus reported she sent Eileen Mecagni a congratulations card on the birth of her first grandchild and a thank you card to Cathie Cummings for her work on the Plant Sale. It was announced that Karen Taggart has just become a grandmother for the second time!

Treasurer Martha Schleck previously emailed the Treasurer's Report to the Board. The beginning checkbook balance was \$22,309.43; cash on hand \$280.00, for a total of \$22,589.43. Total income was \$190.00; total expenses for the month, \$1,376.62, leaving a checkbook balance of \$21,122.81 with \$280.00 in the cash box. The Treasurer's Report was unanimously accepted.

Community Outreach Co-Chair Diana Conroy was pleased to report that twelve members have signed up for Garden Therapy at Briarwood on Thursday, October 20, at 10:00 a.m. There are three spots left for Library Service and sign-up sheets will be available at the next meeting.

Flower Arranging: Neither Co-Chair was present but, in view of our upcoming mixer activity, Karen Taggart asked for a review of the "rules" for Table Scapes. After much discussion, it was decided it was too late to change things now and let the teams go ahead with their interpretations. The guidelines will be reviewed at a later date.

Hospitality Co-Chair Mary Toran reported forty-two have signed up for the October 18 members-only luncheon.

Membership Co-Chair Bonnie Waters announced a new member, Joyce Morgan.

Newsletter Co-Editor Amy Cicala announced the deadline for the November/December Newsletter is October 10.

Publicity Chair Gail Davis asked if she should have this month's members-only event publicized in the papers. After much discussion, it was decided not to. Gail also raised concern about taking pictures of "residents" at Garden Therapy. Diana Conroy will call Briarwood and find out if it is okay.

Ways & Means Co-Chair Martha Schleck announced she and **Co-Chair Janice Berns** went to Jacobson's and were disappointed in the ribbon supply. They will plan another trip at a later date. Martha reported the Congregational Church contract for our Wreath and Arrangement Sale is complete. She asked members who have wreath sale signs to email Janice to let her know. Martha asked that we all collect anything we have in our yards that can be kept natural or sprayed, such as: sedum, hydrangea, seedpods, etc. Greens are always needed.

Website Co-Chair Nancy Agler referred to an email she recently sent the Board regarding a magazine writer and "garden scout" searching for local gardens to be featured in her magazines. If anyone is interested, please let Nancy know. Nancy still continues to work with GCFM to work out kinks in our web site. She will be meeting with Richard Larraga to learn how to transfer reports. Wreath and Arrangement Sale information will be on the site in early November. The Board thanked Nancy for all her had work.

Horticulture Co-Chair Eileen Mecagni announced the September 18 Horticulture Corner theme will be a "Plant Swap," where members will share cuttings or divisions of house or garden plants.

New Business:

GCFM Fall Meeting, October 25, 9:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m., Holiday Inn-Boxborough, MA, \$55.00. Let Karen Taggart know if you are interested.

Gail Davis will look into the cost of lawn signs announcing our meetings.

Meeting adjourned at 10:45 a.m.

Submitted by Mary Toran, Recording Secretary

Present: Bonnie Waters, Karen Taggart, Nina Saltus, Martha Schleck, Gail Davis, Diana Conroy, Cathy Flaherty, Nancy Agler, Mary Toran, Lynne Braley, Sally Toran, Eileen Mecagni, Carol Alper, and Amy Cicala.