NEEDHAM GARDEN CLUB
BOARD MEETING MINUTES
May 5, 2020

Tri-President Jane Lischewski called the meeting to order at 9:41 a.m. Due to the ongoing coronavirus pandemic, the meeting took place over the Zoom platform.

A motion was made to approve the minutes from the March and April Board meetings; said motion passed.

Corresponding Secretary:
Bonnie Waters reported that a card was sent to Lynne B, who, the Board was pleased to note, is recovered and was able to attend the meeting.

Treasurer/Finance Committee:
Treasurer Martha Schleck stated that the April Treasurer's report had been sent out to the Board. It reflected the following:
April began with $20,313.03 in the checking account and $280 cash on hand, for a total of $20,593.03. There was no income for the month, and expenses were $188.00. At the end of the month, the checking account balance was $20,125.03, and cash on hand was $280, for a total of $20,405.03.

Communications Committee:
Publicity — no update.
Yearbook — Trish Cruickshank will request information from committees as needed for the yearbook, to include the Program, Membership and Community Outreach Committees.
Social Media – There was no update concerning the club's Facebook page. Nancy Agler stated that the website has been updated.

Community Outreach Committee:
Cathie Cummings will send out sign-up sheets via email for summer watering at Noyes Garden.
Lynne Jones stated that she has started working on setting up Garden Therapy sessions for next year, giving priority to those facilities for which the sessions had to be canceled due to COVID-19.

Flower Arranging Committee:
Nina Saltus stated that May's Elm Bank workshop has been rescheduled to September. See details in the newsletter. Also, the committee is hoping to reschedule the Fairy Garden workshop to a date during the summer.

Horticulture Committee:
No update.

Hospitality Committee:
Anne Brain stated that the committee chairs will follow up with the Needham Golf Club about re-scheduling the annual luncheon for September or October; this will depend on the status of Coronavirus restrictions.

Membership Committee:
Nancy Gallerani stated that so far the committee has received paid dues for 36 active and 6 associate members. They will follow up with members concerning dues payments for those not yet paid. Also, the memorial book for Marjorie Ounanian has been ordered but not yet received.

Newsletter Committee:
Carol Alper stated that the next newsletter will be the September/October issue. The deadline for submissions is August 10th.

Nominating Committee:
Anne Carlson stated that current members have been assigned to committees. Once information about which members plan to continue next year is received from the Membership Committee, they will tweak the committee lists as needed, and pass them along to the committee chairs to notify members of their committee assignments.

Program Committee:
Bonnie Waters noted that the schedule of programs for next year is completed, and all contracts have been signed. Bonnie will provide this information to Trish C for the yearbook, and to Gail D, along with some additional information as it becomes available, for use in publicity. Bonnie also requested that the Flower Arranging Committee provide its plans for the October meeting.

Ways and Means Committee:
Diana Conroy noted that that the committee is quiet at present, but that she and Fabienne M are hoping to make a trip to Jacobson's in August for supplies. The Committee welcomes "crafty" ideas for December's sale.

Other Business:
1. The Club's efforts to pursue the GCFM's Go Native! initiative were discussed. Cathie C will spearhead the documentation of the club's, and its members', efforts in this regard, starting last May. (The initiative runs from May 2019 to May 2021.) She will send out a communication concerning same.
2. Jane L is planning to seek a grant from the GCFM to be put toward improvements for the Noyes Garden. She learned through research that the garden was named for Dr Josiah Noyes who, in addition to being a practicing physician in Needham, enjoyed horticulture as a hobby.
3. Jane L stated that the next Board meeting is June 9. The Board meetings for next year have been set, and will be as follows: Sept 1, Oct 6, Nov 10, Jan 5, March 2, April 6, May 4, June 8 (there are no Board meetings in Dec or Feb). Jane will send out an email with this information, and will be requesting volunteers to host said meetings.
4. Outgoing committee chairs were reminded to pass along their committee handbooks to the incoming committee chairs.
5. Anne C highly recommended a movie titled "Biggest Little Farm."

Following a motion, voted on and passed, the meeting adjourned at 10:10 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Jane Brand, Recording Secretary

Present: Nancy Agler, Carol Alper, Anne Brain, Lynne Braley, Jane Brand, Anne Carlson, Diana Conroy, Trish Cruickshank, Cathie Cummings, Gail Davis, Cathy Flaherty, Nancy Gallerani, Carole Grosberg, Pat Hession, Lynne Jones, Jane Lischewski, Eileen Mecagni, Nina Saltus, Martha Schleck, and Bonnie Waters.