

**Needham Garden Club General Meeting Minutes
November 20, 2018**

President Diana Conroy called the meeting to order at 9:44 a.m., welcoming both members and guests.

Recording Secretary – A copy of the minutes from the last meeting were on the table in the back of the room for members to review. Upon motion, the minutes were approved.

Corresponding Secretary – No update. Diana reminded members to let Cathy MacFarlane know if there is a member in need of a card.

Treasurer – Martha Schleck provided Board members a copy of the revised treasurer's report for October, and will email a copy of the most recent Treasurer's Report to any member who would like one.

Community Outreach – Debbie Wentworth stated that there are sign-up sheets in the back of the room for the November 29 Garden Therapy at Avita, as well as for providing library arrangements for Spring of 2019.

Flower Arranging – No update.

Horticulture – Vivian Weller stated that she brought in catalpa seed pods for winter sowing. They make a nice shade tree, growing to about 20' high by 20' wide, and have an orchid-like flower. Karen Taggart informed the group that she is holding a small centerpiece-making workshop at her home on Tuesday, Nov. 27 from 12:00-2:00. She suggested those interested first watch a video entitled Christmas Centerpiece Floral Design Basics, which is on YouTube.

Hospitality – No update.

Membership – Bonnie Waters presented new member Lindy Roethlisberger with her apron and yearbook. Nemet Eid is another new member who will receive her apron and yearbook at an upcoming meeting.

Newsletter – Amy Cicala reminded the group that the deadline for the January -February newsletter is December 10th. Carol Alper will be preparing the next newsletter. Please send photos from the club's many Fall activities for inclusion in the newsletter.

Nominating – No update.

Program – Fawn Hurwitz shared some background information concerning guest speaker and floral designer Candace Morgenstern. Candace hails from Rhode Island, and has been active with garden clubs and floral design for more than 20 years. Her resume includes serving as the president of the RI Federation of Garden Clubs, as co-chair of the Newport Flower Show for five years, and as a member of the National Garden Club Board. She is a National Garden Club

master judge, and has received many awards both in the United States and internationally for her work.

Publicity – Gail Davis shared that the local newspapers carried good coverage of club events this week. She also asked that members forward to friends the email flyer concerning the wreath and arrangement and jewelry sale.

Ways and Means – Jane Lischewski informed the members that the wreaths for the sale will be delivered next week, and help is needed on Thursday, November 29 starting at 8:30 a.m. to move supplies into the church where the sale is being held. Wreath-making for members is that afternoon, and all hands will be needed on deck for wreath- and arrangement-making on Friday, Nov. 30, during the morning and running until about 1:00 p.m. The goal is to make 85 wreaths and 65 centerpieces. Once the wreaths and centerpieces have been made, help will be needed to set up for the sale on Saturday. Jane also reminded the group that used jewelry will be sold for the first time, and said there are many lovely pieces. She showed the group a garden-themed necklace which will be given each month to someone who has done something special for the benefit of the club or its members.

Social Media – Members were encouraged to check out the club's website and Facebook page.

Yearbook – No update.

The business meeting adjourned at 10:05 a.m., following which the presentation by the guest speaker, Candace Morgenstern, began.

Respectfully submitted,
Jane Brand, Recording Secretary