

Needham Garden Club General Meeting Minutes

January 22, 2019

President Diana Conroy called the meeting to order at 9:45 a.m. She welcomed guests and thanked everyone for braving the the cold and change of venue in order to attend the meeting. She also thanked the horticulture committee for the hospitality table and Karen Taggart for a lovely tea table centerpiece.

Recording Secretary: The minutes from the November 20th, 2018 General Meeting were displayed. There were no changes. The minutes were passed as submitted.

Corresponding Secretary: Cathy MacFarland was absent but sent notification that Monica Foley was recovering from foot surgery.

Treasurer: Martha Schleck reported that the Wreath and Arrangement and Jewelry sale made 2,800 dollars and that the complete treasurer's report was sent on email.

Community Outreach: Debbie Wentworth announced there is a sign up for Garden Therapy on March 21st at Briarwood Healthcare. She also requested members to sign up for two weeks in February and March to provide a plant or flowers for the library reception area.

Flower Arranging: No report

Horticulture: No report

Hospitality: No report

Membership: Bonnie Waters reported that there are three perspective members that she is in touch with.

Newsletter: Amy Cicala requested that articles for the March/April newsletter be submitted by February 10th and to please include photos when applicable.

Nominating: Anne Carlson and Lynne Braley requested that members turn in their preference sheets so that they can assign members to committees for the coming year according to their wishes and talents.

Program: No report

Publicity: Gail Davis reported that both Needham papers, especially The Home Town Weekly are giving us good write ups. We are also getting good publicity on the internet. Two guests at the meeting reported that they learned of the program from both sources.

Social Media: No report.

Ways & Means: Bonnie Waters reported that jewelry donated for the 2019 jewelry sale will be collected at every meeting and that at future meetings there will be a special basket for the jewelry. Jane Lischewski thanked everyone for all their help with our Wreath Sale. She then awarded the "Garden Club Necklace" to Vivian Weller for her extra help in getting amaryllis bulbs planted for our sale.

Year Book: No report

New business: Fawn Hurwitz reminded everyone that Needham Art in Bloom will be on March 9th & 10th. The event uses the flower arranging talents of all three Needham Clubs to complement art works by Needham High School students Both Fawn & Diana encouraged members to participate as it is fun and rewarding. Fawn also reported that Carole Grosberg and Debbie Kraft will be participating in Art in Bloom at the Museum of Fine Arts in Boston.

The business meeting was closed at 10 a.m.

Diana introduced the speaker, Sue Robinson, who is a beekeeper and manufacturer of local honey under the label 'Buzz 10 Honey'. She is an educator about bees and collecting honey in her program, "A Friendly Look Into The Beehive."

