

Needham Garden Club Annual Meeting Minutes
May 21, 2019

President Diana Conroy called the meeting to order at 11:35 a.m. She welcomed the members to the last meeting of the program year, and offered congratulations to Mary Toran, who was honored as the club's Unsung Hero this year. Diana reminded the members that information concerning officers, committee chairs and committee assignments previously was provided at the April meeting and also is available online. Diana read the slate of officers, and noted that the club will be trying a tri-president model this coming year. A motion was made to approve the slate of officers and committee chairs as proposed by the Nominating Committee; said motion was passed and the slate was approved. Diana also thanked the Hospitality and Flower Arranging Committees for making the arrangements for the luncheon and for the table centerpieces.

Recording Secretary – A motion was made to accept the minutes from April's general meeting; said motion was passed.

Corresponding Secretary – No update.

Treasurer/Finance Committee – It was noted that the most recent Treasurer's Report is available on the website. Anyone having questions about it should contact Martha Schleck.

Community Outreach – Lynne Jones informed the members that a sign-up sheet is available for summer watering at Noyes Garden, and also for the library urns. Also, volunteers are requested to provide a plant or arrangement for the library reception area during the summer. A reminder for these volunteer opportunities can be sent if needed.

Flower Arranging – Nina Saltus expressed the hope of the Flower Arranging Committee that members would enjoy the floral centerpieces, and stated that each member can take a vase home after the luncheon.

Horticulture – Karen Taggart reminded members about the plant sale on June 1, and noted that there are several ways to help – by donating time, plants, books or gardening tools. Plant labels are available at the luncheon and also with a letter concerning the sale which was previously emailed to members, along with plant pointers. She asked that members wear their aprons for the sale. Those who are unable to drop off their plants at the sale early on June 1 should get in touch with Beth K, and she will advise where to drop the plants off (likely at Karen T's, Vivian W's or Diana C's.)

Hospitality – No update.

Membership – No update.

Newsletter – Carol Alper stated that the next newsletter will be the Sept/Oct issue. The deadline for submissions for that issue is August 10th.

Nominating – No update.

Program – No update.

Publicity – Gail Davis requested that the flyer she prepared for the plant sale be forwarded to friends to help spread the word.

Ways and Means – Jane Lischewski thanked those who had agreed to help store materials to be used for the Wreath and Arrangement Sale later in the year. She also asked that anyone still having yard signs from last year's sale to please return them. The members also were informed that the club hopes to include used jewelry with the Wreath and Arrangement Sale; the jewelry collection box will be available again in the fall.

Social Media – Lyn Jekowsky stated that she had posted photos of the trip to Arnold Arboretum and the workshop at Elm Bank to the club's FB page. She asked that members continue to send her items to post. Lyn also informed members that she and Carole G are leading a team making a tree to donate to Mass Hort's Festival of Trees. The theme for the tree is Jan Brett's book, The Mitten, and will feature knitted mittens, woodland creatures, and books by Jan Brett.

Yearbook – Cathie Cummings asked committee chairs to review the committee descriptions in the current yearbook, especially if they are new to the job as committee chair. She also reminded the members that the committees' schedule of events for the coming year (such as field trips, workshops, etc.) need to be provided to the Yearbook Committee by the end of June to be included in the next Yearbook.

New Business –

The garden necklace was passed from Cathie to Eileen Mecagni.

Nina received many archived club photos from Joan Oakes, and these are available for members to enjoy. If interested in seeing them, please get in touch with Nina.

The club's scholarship was awarded to Needham resident William Humberstone, who will be graduating from Norfolk Agricultural High School. He will learn of the award at his graduation ceremony.

The business meeting adjourned at 11:55 a.m., at which time the luncheon began.

Respectfully submitted by Jane Brand, Recording Secretary.