

Needham Garden Club Board Minutes

January 3, 2017

(14 Board Members present)

Acting President Karen Taggart called the meeting to order at 9:37 a.m. She thanked Mary Toran for hosting and Janice Berns for co-hosting.

Recording Secretary Mary Toran previously emailed the minutes of the November 29 Board Meeting to the Board, which were unanimously accepted.

Corresponding Secretary Nina Saltus reported she will send cards to Peg Hagerott, Carol Thomas, Georgia Burke-Berg and Beth Davis. Beth is relocating to Maine but would like to “stay in touch.” Lori Markell will create the Tea Table Centerpiece for Beth at our January 17 General Meeting.

Treasurer Martha Schleck emailed the 2016 November and December reports to the Board, along with the results of the Annual Wreath and Arrangement Sale. The beginning December checkbook balance was \$19,111.36; cash on hand \$280.00, for a total of \$19,391.36. Total income was \$4,745.00; total expenses for the month, \$1,138.25, leaving a checkbook balance of \$22,718.11 with \$280.00 in the cash box. The Treasurer’s Report was unanimously accepted. Total expenses for the Sale were \$5,290.00; total expenses, \$2,911.86, showing a profit of \$2,378.14.

Community Outreach Co-Chair Nancy Agler reported the next Garden Therapy is March 23, 2:00 p.m. at Avery Manor. The Committee has decided not to include North Hill in the future, and would like suggestions of other organizations in town.

Flower Arranging: The Committee is considering a “Tea Cup Arrangement” Workshop in May. May 12 was chosen by the Board as the date and Karen Taggart will inquire at Elm Bank to see if a room is available that day. Details will be in the March/April Newsletter.

Horticulture Co-Chair Cathie Cummings announced the next “Horticulture Corner” will be a swap of gently-used pots, vases or any garden or flower arranging items. There will be sign-ups for the “Begonia Bulb Challenge” and the March 21 “Kokedama” Workshop. The fieldtrip to see the “Glass Flowers” at Harvard has been cancelled. Cathie will plan a meeting of the “Plant Sale” sub-committee soon.

Membership Co-Chair Bonnie Waters gave us a corrected email address for new member, Jane Brand: ajbrand@comcast.net. Bonnie reported she is still waiting to hear from possible new members, Mary Prorok and Nancy Gallerani.

Newsletter Co-Editor Carol Alper announced the deadline for the January/February Newsletter is December 10. Amy Cicala will be doing this letter, so send information and pictures to her.

Nominating Co-Chair Karen Taggart reports that Preference Sheets will be ready soon and she is adding that a Chair or Co-Chair position require a two-year commitment. Also, she suggested that instead of an Administrative Council, we have a President or Co-Presidents. We talked about the commitment of two meetings a month and the possibility of meeting

every other month. After much discussion, a motion was made and passed to “skip” the February board meeting and see how we do.

Program Co-Chair Lori Markell announced the January program is “Art in Bloom” with Marisa McCoy. Lori will also provide a sign-up sheet for the Beth Shalom “Needham Art in Bloom” scheduled for March 4-5. The February program is “Hydrangea Highlights” with Gail Anderson.

Ways & Means Co-Chair Martha Schleck announced that we had nearly 70% participation in the Wreath & Arrangement Sale. Good participation!!

Website Co-Chair Nancy Agler is in the process of setting up an email address for the Club. There were fewer “views” this month. Please send her “Winter in Needham” photos.

New Business: Cathie Cummings requested anyone who has dried hydrangeas, please bring them to the February 28 General Meeting Horticulture Corner. Cathie also has a lot of NGC “stuff” at her house. If she cannot get members to take it, she can throw it away!!

Meeting adjourned at 11:00 a.m.

Submitted by Mary Toran, Recording Secretary

Present: Bonnie Waters, Karen Taggart, Cathie Cummings, Lynne Braley, Janice Berns, Nina Saltus, Martha Schleck, Nancy Agler, Mary Toran, Sally Toran, Eileen Mecagni, Carol Alper, Lori Markell, and Diana Conroy.