

Needham Garden Club Minutes

Board meeting October 5, 2021, on Zoom

Meeting was called to order at 9:35 by Tri-President Debbie Wentworth.

Members present: Debbie Wentworth, Martha Schleck, Jane Lischewski, Cathie Cummings, Diana Conroy, Nancy Yablonski, Trish Cruickshank, Anne Brain, Gail Davis, Terry Luskin, Carole Grosberg, Nancy Agler, Fabienne Madsen, Lynne Jones, Amy Cicala, Bonnie Waters, Cathy Flaherty.

Approval of Minutes: Board Meeting of September 7, 2021: motion to approve by Jane Lischewski. Second by Trish Luskin. Motion carried. Board Meeting of September 28, 2021: motion to approve by Terry Cruickshank. Second by Trish Luskin. Motion carried.

Ways and Means: Report by Diana Conroy. Sixty wreaths were ordered for the December 4 Wreath Sale: Two dozen 12-inch, three dozen 14-inch. Twenty are reserved to sell to members who have signed up in advance at the price of \$18 and \$20 dollars, plus \$5 for a bow. However, to cover all the costs we will need to increase the price by \$5. Motion made by Diana Conroy to charge members \$23 and \$25 per wreath, plus \$5 for a bow. Seconded by Trish Cruickshank. Motion carried. Trish Cruickshank reports that the advertising signs are no longer in pristine condition, but it was agreed to peek out another year by pasting on the new dates. The newly refurbished display racks for the sale are ready to go. Any left-over amaryllis bulbs, left from member orders, can be potted up and sold at the sale. Diana Conroy assured us that the Congregational Church hall will be available.

Festival of Trees: Diana Conroy reports that the committee is moving forward and is thrilled with the Scandinavian-themed wooden tree that was custom-built by committee member Isabelle Woods' son-in-law. Elm Bank has confirmed that the Festival will start November 26 and continue through December 19. The committee urges members to attend. It will be promoted in the November/December club newsletter.

Corresponding Secretary: Bonnie Waters reports that there is no new information to report.

Treasurers Report: Nancy Agler has already distributed the report via email. Also, the tax exempt forms for members who purchase items on behalf of the club.

Social Media: Gail Davis reports that she has submitted a photo of the Tri-Presidents to the newspapers and will follow up again if it is not published. Lyn Jekowsky was not present, but continues to share club news on Facebook and has asked members to like the Facebook posts. Nancy Agler is awaiting the Yearbook to update the website; it will be forthcoming. Trish Cruickshank reports that the yearbook is at the printer and will be distributed at the October 19 meeting. She will supply a digital copy to Nancy for the website.

Community Outreach: Cathie Cummings reports that the watering at Noyes Garden will be wrapping up soon. The Library Urns will need water through the first frost and there are volunteers already signed up. All the plantings are doing well. Cathie will be sending out another email to request members to sign up to supply an arrangement or plant for the library display to continue the display beyond what is already planned. She is also providing a small picture frame identifying the plant materials on display as a part of our educational mission.

Flower Arranging: Carole Grosberg had to leave the meeting early and Lyn Jekowsky was unable to attend, but Martha Schleck reports that the plans are in place for the October 19 mixer, table scapes on a fall theme, at the Community Room in the library.

Bulb sale: Terry Luskin and Trish Cruickshank report that the amaryllis bulbs have been ordered based on member requests and will be distributed when they come in. They do not expect any to be left for the wreath sale. Also Debbie Wentworth informs us that other clubs have had success digging up perennials for their spring plant sales in the fall, potting them, and then burying the pot in the ground until spring when they can be pulled out in time for the sale. Empty pots will be available at the October mixer.

Hospitality: Cathy Flaherty and Anne Brain report that they are awaiting an event where covid rules will be lifted before pulling out the coffee urns and supplies.

Membership: There are no new members to report this month, but some have expressed interest in joining.

Newsletter: Amy Cicala has set October 10 as the deadline for news articles. She must complete it by October 15 as she is leaving on a trip, so please do not delay.

Nominating: Anne Carlson was unable to attend the meeting, but has said that there is nothing to report at this time.

Program: Bonnie Waters reports that the November 16 program at the Library Community Room, a demonstration by Karen Gordon, will go on as planned. It will be a hybrid (in-person and Zoom) format and the committee is working to fix the technical glitches that occurred at the September meeting.

Old Business: The next board meeting will be held November 2, on Zoom. Watch for the announcement on email.

New Business: Bonnie Waters moved that the meeting be adjourned, seconded by Debbie Wentworth. Motion passed. Meeting adjourned at 10:18, which may be a new record.

Minutes submitted by Carol Alper, substitute Recording Secretary in Jane Brand's absence.