

Needham Garden Club Board Minutes
November 1, 2022
(20 Board Members present)

Co-President Gail Davis called the meeting to order at 9:35 a.m. The meeting took place via Zoom.

Gail took time to acknowledge long-time member, Kay Taylor, who recently passed away.

Recording Secretary:

Recording Secretary **Mary Toran** previously emailed the minutes of the October 4 Board Meeting to the Board. The minutes were unanimously approved.

Corresponding Secretary:

Bonnie Waters reported she sent a card to Kay's husband, Clark, and family. Many memories were shared by all.

Treasurer/Finance Committee:

The October 2022 Treasurer's Report was previously emailed to the Board and reflected the following: The month began with \$16,402.32 in the checking account and cash on hand of \$280.00, for a total of \$16,682.32. Income for the month was \$513.76; expenses were \$845.21. At the end of the month, the checking account balance was \$16,070.87 and cash on hand was \$280.00, for a total of \$16,350.87. Other than some outstanding checks, there was nothing else to report.

Communications Committee:

Publicity – Anne Carlson has prepared the email flyer for the Wreath & Arrangement Sale to be sent out by members to friends and family. It will be sent out to members soon with instructions to erase the entire Garden Club mailing list.

Yearbook – Trish Cruickshank reported Yearbooks have been distributed and the general opinion was that it looks great!

Social Media – Lyn Jekowsky thanked everyone for sending pictures for Facebook. She noted that there are fewer "likes" from our members than from non-members and would like to encourage members to be more active on Facebook. Lyn reminded us of the Temple Beth Shalom Garden Club antique sale November 13, 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., at the Eliot School. There will be a raffle with great prizes.

Web Page– Nancy Agler reported that everything is up to date.

Community Outreach Committee: Co-Chair Ellen Barnes reported that the Garden Therapy at Briarwood, which was almost cancelled, was a great success with 17 residents enjoying the day. There will be a sign-up sheet at the November 15 meeting for the library reception area plant. Also, they need any kind of greens, except holly, for the urns.

Flower Arranging Committee: Co-Chair Carole Grosberg reported she has been in touch with Mass Hort regarding a workshop on April 18 and wanted to be sure that date didn't conflict with our General Meeting, which was determined to be April 25. The Committee is looking for ideas for the workshop and how much to ask members to pay. Gail commended Carole and the Committee for the great Club Mixer last month!

Horticulture Committee: Co-Chair Trish Cruickshank reported plans are underway for our Spring Plant Sale and that plants donated from members' gardens sell the best.

Hospitality Committee: Co-Chair Cathy Flaherty reported that members should provide their own sandwich for the wreath making. Everything else will be provided.

Membership Committee: Co-Chair Diana Conroy reported that our new members are doing great and had nothing else to report.

Newsletter Committee: Co-Chair Jane Brand reported the November-December Newsletter is going out today and the deadline for the January-February Newsletter is December 10. Please send information to her, Amy Cicala or Becky Levanduski.

Nominating Committee: Co-Chair Nancy Agler reported their committee will meet soon.

Program Committee: Co-Chair Martha Schleck reported they are looking forward to this month's program, "Make It Nice-Use It Twice" with Richard O'Mara.

Ways and Means Committee: Co-Chair Fabienne Madsen reported the Committee met October 6 at **Co-Chair Nancy Yablonski's** house to make faux arrangements, and plan to meet again November 10. A Bow-making Workshop will take place November 3, 10:30 a.m., at Lynne Braley's house. The Congregational Church has agreed that we can sell any leftover wreaths and arrangements at the church on Sunday. Wreaths are ordered and will be delivered to the church at the end of November. Jewelry Coordinator, Diana Conroy, reported she has great helpers and a nice selection of jewelry. The last date for donations is November 15.

Old Business:

1. At our October 18, 2022, General Meeting, a vote was unanimously approved to amend Article XI, Secs. a and b of the Club's By-Laws to remove the Beryl Healy and Patricia H. Dennett Memorial Scholarships, which are no longer funded.
2. On October 20, 2022, Karen Taggart, Non-Board Member, and Gail Davis, Co-President, of the Needham Garden Club, reviewed the financial books of the Needham Garden Club, for the purpose of conducting an audit of the Needham Garden Club for June 2019 - May 2022. The checkbook was examined for deposits, checks paid, and accurate balances. Each deposit matched the stated source. The balancing of the account was correct. They found the accounting true and accurate. Gail suggested that using paper vouchers when seeking reimbursements makes auditing easier.
3. Pennies for Pines – Anne Carlson continues to collect money for this cause.
4. Opportunity Drawing Update: After much discussion re legal ramifications, it was decided we should wait until Nancy Agler meets with Town Clerk Tedi Eaton to see what our options are.
5. Congregational Church Contract: Diana has not heard anything yet. Fabienne will check with the church.

New Business:

1. MFA Art in Bloom: Gail asked if anyone was interested in participating. The deadline is 11/14/22. The Club will underwrite \$400 for the purchase of flowers and a container. Gail will send an email to the general membership, encouraging anyone who is interested in participating in the MFA Art in Bloom to contact Carole Grosberg for understanding of what the role involves. If their interest continues, Gail will help them submit their application.

Meeting adjourned at 10:53 a.m.

Respectfully submitted, Mary Toran, Recording Secretary

Present: Nancy Agler, Ellen Barnes, Anne Brain, Jane Brand, Lynn Braley, Anne Carlson, Diana Conroy, Trish Cruickshank, Cathie Cummings, Gail Davis, Cathy Flaherty, Nancy Gallerani, Carole Grosberg, Lyn Jekowsky, Jane Lischewski, Fabienne Madsen, Martha Schleck, Mary Toran, Debbie Wentworth and Bonnie Waters.