

**Needham Garden Club Board Minutes**  
**January 3, 2023**  
**(19 Board Members present)**

**Co-President Gail Davis** called the meeting to order at 9:34 a.m. The meeting took place via Zoom.

Gail acknowledged the passing of a previous Club member, Jane Muller.

**Recording Secretary:**

Recording Secretary **Mary Toran** previously emailed the minutes of the November 1 Board Meeting to the Board. The minutes were unanimously approved.

**Corresponding Secretary:**

**Bonnie Waters** reported she sent an email expressing our condolences to Jane Muller's husband, Jim. Cards were also sent to members Sue Condon and Kristine Cauti, whose husband had heart surgery.

**Treasurer/Finance Committee:**

**Treasurer Nancy Agler** previously emailed the December 2022 Treasurer's Report to the Board which reflected the following: The month began with \$15,087.86 in the checking account and cash on hand of \$280.00, for a total of \$15,367.86. Income for the month was \$6,911.00; expenses were \$156.91. At the end of the month, the checking account balance was \$21,836.95 and cash on hand was \$280.00, for a total of \$22,116.95. In regard to the "Opportunity Drawings," Nancy has obtained the correct form from Tedi Eaton, Town Clerk, and she's going to reach out to other Clubs to see how they handle "raffles."

**Communications Committee:**

**Publicity – Anne Carlson** was not present but Gail thanked her for all the great Wreath and Arrangement Sale publicity.

**Yearbook – Trish Cruickshank** said she is considering a survey to see how and whether members use their Yearbooks, and if it should just be available on our website. Many of us present said they use it all the time for various reasons. She's considering a contest among members to design the cover.

**Social Media – Lyn Jekowsky** reported that our Facebook page is getting attention from members, but we need to appeal to people beyond our membership. It was suggested that Anne Carlson include our website and Facebook in future publicity. It was also suggested that Lyn contact Lee Tran, who manages the Town of Needham Facebook Page, to post us on their FB page.

**Web Page– Nancy Agler** had nothing to report, "Everything is up to date."

**Community Outreach Committee: Co-Chairs Cathie Cummings and Ellen Barnes** both reported that they enjoyed the Garden Therapy at Briarwood. The library urns have been changed over from fall plants to winter greens. An email will be sent out to the membership to sign-up for the reception area plant. They need small baskets and plastic liners.

**Flower Arranging Committee: Co-Chair Carole Grosberg** reported the April 18 workshop will be at the library. It will involve submerged/floating flowers. The cost will be \$30.00 per person and they will announce it at the January General Meeting. Gail will send a memo to members to sign up.

**Horticulture Committee: Co-Chair Trish Cruickshank** reported plans are underway for our Spring Plant Sale. She noted that unusual plants and members' perennials sell quickly. Amy Cicala encouraged native plants and grasses. Members should pot their plants by March.

**Hospitality Committee: Co-Chair Cathy Flaherty** was pleased with the response from the Board for goodies at the wreathmaking. She thanked all who stepped in, in her absence, and helped **Co-Chair Ann Brain** with the kitchen set-up and clean-up. The next event is the Annual Luncheon in May and they are looking for suggestions for venues.

**Membership Committee: Co-Chair Lynne Braley** reported that things are very quiet right now and had nothing to report.

**Newsletter Committee:** Gail commended Becky Levanduski on the great job she did on the January/February Newsletter. **Co-Chair Amy Cicala** reported that Becky will be doing the March/April Newsletter and any information should be sent to Becky by February 10.

**Nominating Committee: Co-Chair Nancy Agler** reported their committee met and Preference Sheets will be sent out to all active members this week and are due back by January 10. They would like to encourage new members to become co-chairs.

**Program Committee: Co-Chair Martha Schleck** reported the February program is "Floral Interpretation of Artwork" with Thu-Hang Tran, and April will be "Jaw Dropping, Traffic Stopping – Floral Containers with Deborah Trickett.

**Ways and Means Committee: Co-Chair Fabienne Madsen** thanked everyone who participated in the Wreath and Arrangement workshop and sale. She and **Co-Chair Nancy Yablonski** are going to Jacobson's to stock up on materials and are planning a Committee meeting to recap the sale.

**Old Business:**

1. Pennies for Pines – no report
2. Opportunity Drawing – Refer to Treasurer/Finance Report
3. MFA Art in Bloom – no response from members
4. Mass Hort. Membership – no report

**New Business:**

1. Nominating – Gail asked that we keep our Year Books up to date.
2. Cathie Cummings reported she has a friend who is willing to donate her 6' Christmas tree to the Club for the next Festival of Trees.

Meeting adjourned at 10:31 a.m.

Respectfully submitted, Mary Toran, Recording Secretary

Present: Nancy Agler, Ellen Barnes, Jane Brand, Lynn Braley, Amy Cicala, Trish Cruickshank, Cathie Cummings, Gail Davis, Cathy Flaherty, Carole Grosberg, Lyn Jekowsky, Jane Lischewski, Terry Luskin, Fabienne Madsen, Martha Schleck, Mary Toran, Bonnie Waters, Debbie Wentworth and Nancy Yablonski.