

**NEEDHAM GARDEN CLUB
BOARD MEETING MINUTES**

May 3, 2022

(22 members present)

Tri-President Debbie Wentworth called the meeting to order at 9:32 a.m. The meeting took place via Zoom.

Recording Secretary:

A motion was made by Jane Lischewski and seconded by Anne Carlson to approve the minutes from the April 2022 Board meeting; said motion was approved.

Recording Secretary Jane Brand provided an update concerning the Annual Report. Most committee chairs have responded to the request for information for the report, and those who have not were sent reminders. Jane B expects to be sending the report to the tri-presidents for their review in advance of the Annual Meeting.

Corresponding Secretary:

Bonnie Waters reported that no new cards have been sent, but one will be sent to Gretchen T on the loss of her husband, about which the club just learned. Bonnie also shared a sample of a floral card designed by board member Fabienne Madsen, and proposed that the card serve as the official social stationery for the garden club. *Anne Carlson moved that the floral card designed by Fabienne be the official social card of the Needham Garden Club; Martha Schleck seconded the motion and the motion was approved.* Fabienne agreed to print more of the cards and to have 'Needham Garden Club' printed on the cards as well. Nancy Yablonski reported that Fran Phillips' family was very touched by the book donation to the library in Fran's memory. A new bookplate for the donated book has been designed.

Treasurer/Finance Committee:

The Treasurer's Report for April was circulated to the Board. The April 2022 Treasurer's Report reflected the following. The month began with \$19,099.39 in the checking account and cash on hand of \$280, for a total of \$19,379.39. Income for the month was \$225.00; expenses were \$1,008.57. At the end of the month, the checking account balance was \$18,595.82 and cash on hand was \$280, for a total of \$18,875.82.

Communications Committee:

Publicity — Gail Davis reported that she is working on publicity for the May 21 plant sale, and has reserved the use of the electronic sign by the RTS the week before the sale. She has submitted articles to the Needham Times and Hometown Weekly. A flyer for members to send to friends has been prepared and will be sent to club members.

Yearbook — Trish Cruickshank requested that she be provided updated membership and program information, and meeting dates, once that information is available.

Facebook — Lyn Jekowsky stated that she has advertised the plant sale on the club's FB page. She noted that she has been posting information about Natick Garden Club events as well, and asked for Board feedback on this. The Board is amenable to doing this if the arrangement is reciprocal. Lyn will check on this.

Website — No update.

Community Outreach Committee: Co-chairs Lynne Jones and Cathie Cummings reported that the library urns are being watered. Cathie will bring sign-up sheets to today's board luncheon for other Outreach events.

Flower Arranging Committee: Co-Chair Lyn Jekowsky stated that the committee will provide table arrangements for the Annual Meeting luncheon and asked to receive a table count from the Hospitality Committee. An additional arrangement will be prepared for the Membership Committee's table. The committee will devise a method for giving away the centerpieces at the end of the luncheon.

Horticulture Committee: Co-chairs Trish Cruickshank and Terry Luskin reported that plans are proceeding for the plant sale on May 21. Pricing help will be needed the Friday before the plant sale. They requested that something other than popsicle sticks be used for labeling plants, as popsicle sticks will be used for pricing. They also requested that plants be delivered ahead of time to designated locations (to include Lyn J's and Diana C's homes) so that they can be priced and then transported to the sale. Plant labels will be sent out shortly. Extra pots can be picked up from Trish's driveway.

Hospitality Committee: Co-chairs Anne Brain and Cathy Flaherty reported that 25 people have registered and paid for the luncheon so far, with more indicating they plan to attend; they estimate the total number of attendees to be about 35. Tables will be round and seat 8. Following discussion, it was agreed to request navy napkins. Martha Schleck will have a check at the meeting to pay the venue.

Membership Committee: Following discussion concerning some frustrations with committee and club organizational issues, it was agreed that incoming co-chair Diana Conroy would create a membership renewal form for use this month; it also was agreed that dues payments should go to the Membership Committee (not to the Treasurer, as was sometimes done in the past.)

Newsletter Committee: Co-editor Carol Alper stated that the last issue of the program year had been sent out. She asked members to take pictures for inclusion in the newsletter if they are attending garden club events. Co-editor Amy Cicala will be preparing the first issue in the fall, so photos can be sent to her.

Nominating Committee: Co-chair Anne Carlson requested that the committee be notified if the Membership Committee learns that a member is not renewing, so that committee assignments can be tweaked if necessary.

Program Committee: Co-chair Pat Hession shared that Cochato Nursery had offered to do small group tours of the nursery for Needham Garden Club members. Terry Luskin offered to organize same over the summer.

Ways and Means Committee: Tri-chairs Fabienne Madsen, Nancy Yablonski and Diana Conroy stated that Fabienne and Diana have been going through decorations stored at the Congregational Church which the church has agreed to donate to the club. Thus, there is less need for containers than previously. Additional storage space from members may be needed. Nancy has been making gnomes and other decorative items. The committee will be meeting this month to delegate tasks for the next wreath and arrangement sale. The deadline to register to make your own wreath will be September 20.

Old Business: None.

New business:

1. Incoming Co-President Gail Davis state she is looking forward to serving alongside Debbie Wentworth and working with the new Board.
2. Martha Schleck inquired whether Board meetings next year will be live or on Zoom. Following discussion, there was a consensus to continue meeting on Zoom. Accordingly, *Jane Lischewski moved that all Board meetings during the 2022-23 program year take place on Zoom; Terry Luskin seconded the motion and it was approved.*

There being no further business, and *upon motion made by Jane Lischewski, seconded by Anne Carlson and approved, the meeting adjourned at 10:34 a.m.*

Respectfully submitted,
Jane Brand, Recording Secretary

Present: Carol Alper, Anne Brain, Jane Brand, Anne Carlson, Amy Cicala, Diana Conroy, Trish Cruickshank, Cathie Cummings, Gail Davis, Cathy Flaherty, Carole Grosberg, Pat Hession, Fawn Hurwitz, Lyn Jekowsky, Lynne Jones, Jane Lischewski, Terry Luskin, Fabienne Madsen, Martha Schleck, Bonnie Waters, Debbie Wentworth and Nancy Yablonski.