

Needham Garden Club General Meeting Minutes October 16, 2018

President Diana Conroy called the meeting to order at 11:06 a.m., at the conclusion of the tablescapes mixer. She welcomed the members and thanked the Hospitality Committee for providing the food for the tea table, and also thanked Karen Taggart for providing the centerpiece for the tea table, which will go to the library reception area after the meeting.

Recording Secretary – A copy of the minutes from the last meeting were on the table in the back of the room for members to review. Upon motion, the minutes were approved.

Corresponding Secretary – No update.

Treasurer – Martha Schleck will email a copy of the most recent Treasurer's Report to any member who would like one. Martha obtained an ST-2 tax exempt certificate for the club, and has prepared laminated copies for committee chairs to use as needed for club-related purchases only. Use of the form when making purchases permits the club, as a non-profit, to avoid being charged sales tax. When submitting for reimbursement, members must submit an original receipt and the pink reimbursement form. Members will not be reimbursed for sales tax.

Community Outreach – Debbie Wentworth stated that there are sign-up sheets in the back of the room for the October 25 Garden Therapy event at Briarwood, as well as for providing library arrangements for 2019. Debbie also circulated a signup sheet for Garden Therapy on November 29.

Flower Arranging – The Flower Arranging Committee was thanked for organizing the tablescapes mixer.

Horticulture – Vivian Weller stated that amaryllis bulbs are available in the back of the room. Checks for same should be made payable to Vivian. On October 23 at 10:00 a.m., there will be a bulb planting party at Karen Taggart's home. Vivian stated that she will make catalpa pods available to club members when the pods are ready.

Hospitality – No update.

Membership – Bonnie Waters presented new member Amy Chan with her apron and yearbook.

Newsletter – Carol Alper reminded the group that the deadline for the January/February newsletter is December 10th.

Nominating – No update.

Program – Fawn Hurwitz shared that floral designer Candace Morgenstern will be the guest presenter at the next meeting.

Publicity – No update.

Ways and Means – Jane Lischewski stated there are several signup sheets in the back of the room for the following, all related to the upcoming wreath and arrangement sale: bow-making

workshop on November 8 at 10:30 a.m. at Lynne Braley's home; help with set up at the Congregational Church on November 29, 8:30-12:30; member wreath-making November 29 in the afternoon; help with wreath- and arrangement-making on November 30; help on December 1 for the wreath sale. Yard signs to advertise the wreath sale should be put out after Election Day, but members should take them today when leaving the meeting. Jane also thanked those who had donated jewelry for the used jewelry sale, which is a new addition to the wreath and arrangement sale this year. Donations of costume jewelry in good repair are still being accepted. Publicity concerning the wreath sale should make reference to the jewelry sale, and should note that proceeds from the sale benefit the Garden Club's outreach and scholarship.

Social Media – No update.

Yearbook – No update.

Other business – Diana informed the group that the Pennies for Pines fundraiser that the club participated in last year raised approximately \$2000 statewide, enough to plant 41.5 acres of trees in Massachusetts.

The business meeting adjourned at 11:31 a.m., following which the member luncheon took place.

Respectfully submitted,
Jane Brand, Recording Secretary