

Needham Garden Club Board Minutes
April 4, 2017
(16 Board Members present)

Acting President Bonnie Waters called the meeting to order at 9:40 a.m. She thanked Fawn Hurwitz for hosting and Nina Saltus for co-hosting.

Recording Secretary Mary Toran previously emailed the March 7 minutes to the Board. After a correction was made to the Horticulture Committee report, the minutes were accepted. The Board did not vote to pay the \$100 membership fee, but will wait until **Horticulture Co-Chair Cathie Cummings** has all the information.

Corresponding Secretary Nina Saltus reported that Kay Taylor is coming along and she will send her cards to let her know we are thinking of her. Nina will also send a card to Kathy Lewis.

Treasurer's Report: Treasurer Martha Schleck was not present but previously emailed her report to the Board. A question came up regarding the "Miscellaneous" item of \$189.00. It was decided to wait and ask Martha at the next meeting.

Community Outreach Co-Chair Diana Conroy announced the final Garden Therapy is Thursday, April 27, 10:30 a.m. at Wingate. Greens are always needed and can be dropped off at Diana's home. A sign-up sheet was circulated. The Committee will be spreading bags of Noanett Gold at Noyes Garden on Saturday, April 8. Volunteers are still needed and a sign-up was passed around.

Flower Arranging: Neither Co-Chair was present so Bonnie read a memo from Anne Carlson announcing the "Tea Cup Arrangement" is Friday, May 12, at the Parkman House at Elm Bank in Wellesley. We will have a tour at 10:00 a.m. and the workshop will begin at 11:00 a.m. The cost is \$12.00. Anne asks that we bring scissors and a tea cup (she has tea cups if needed) and a bag lunch. Anne requested information regarding the Annual Meeting & Luncheon which Mary Toran will forward to her. She also inquired if anyone had an extra ticket to the GCFM Luncheon on April 13. Sally Toran will get the information to Anne.

Sally Toran asked if any member would be interested in doing an arrangement demonstration at the League of Women Voter's Pansy Day, Saturday, April 8. Karen Taggart and Nina Saltus agreed to help.

Horticulture Co-Chair Cathie Cummings thanked Cathy McFarlane for coming up with the idea for the "Kokedama" Workshop, which was enjoyed by all who participated. The next event is the Plant Sale on Saturday, June 3. Cathie made a motion to pay \$100.00 to join the Needham Business Association for a year. The motion passed unanimously. Gail Davis is preparing a membership poster for the Plant Sale and requested any and all pictures of our meetings, workshops, etc. Anything that might entice new members. Cathie is also looking into providing small pots for children to take home with directions for planting pollinator seeds.

Co-Chair Eileen Mecagni and Jo Belval are organizing a tour in May to the Natick Organic Community Farm. Cathie asked us to start thinking about our Garden Stroll on June 20. Contact

Cathie if you would like your garden to be included. Nancy Agler distributed plumeria seeds from her friend in Hawaii for anyone who would like to try to grow them.

Hospitality Co-Chair Mary Toran thanked the Membership and Hospitality Committees for providing baked goods and paper goods for the Tri-Club Meeting on March 23. She then announced that the menu for the May 16 Annual Meeting & Luncheon is all set at the Needham Golf Club. The cost is \$30.00 per person. Mary requested that the times be changed from 11:00 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. for the business meeting, and 12:00 noon luncheon. All agreed. There will be six at a table. Mary asked all those Board members who have not sent her their Committee report to please do so as soon as possible.

Membership Co-Chair Bonnie Waters is hopeful that our two new members, Nancy Gallerani and Catherine Kurkjian, will be at our April 25 General Meeting. Bonnie reported there were 26 guests at our February 28 General Meeting.

Newsletter Co-Chair Amy Cicala announced that the deadline for the May/June Newsletter is April 10. Please be sure to get the information to Carol Alper as soon as possible.

Nominating Committee Co-Chair Lynn Braley announced the Slate of Officers is 98% complete.

Program Committee Co-Chair Fawn Hurwitz announced the April 25 program is “Getting Ready for Spring” with Suzanne Mahler. Fawn also announced a program being presented tonight at Temple Beth Shalom, “Get Real Flowers for Real Life” at 7:00 p.m.

Publicity Chair Gail Davis commended the local papers for their support.

Yearbook Co-Chair Karan Taggart requested that information and any changes be sent to her immediately.

Website Chair Nancy Agler reported that there have been 92 visitors/week to our website. Please send “Needham in Spring” flower pictures to Nancy. The Beacon Hill Garden Tour is Thursday, May 18.

New Business: Diana Conroy reminded us that this is our year to participate again in the Mass Hort Christmas Tree Festival. Please contact her if you would like to help.

Lori Markell announced the Newport Flower Show is June 23-25.

The May 2 President’s Luncheon will be held at Fawn Hurwitz’s at 11:00 a.m. A sign-up sheet for food was circulated.

Meeting adjourned at 11:00 a.m.

Submitted by Mary Toran ~ Recording Secretary

Present: Lori Markell, Nancy Agler, Cathie Cummings, Nina Saltus, Karen Taggart, Amy Cicala,

Cathy Flaherty, Diana Conroy, Lynne Braley, Bonnie Waters, Fawn Hurwitz, Mary Toran, Sally Toran, Gail Davis, Jane Brand and Eileen Mecagni.