

Needham Garden Club Board Minutes

November 29, 2016

(14 Board Members present)

Acting President Anne Carlson called the meeting to order at 9:40 a.m. She thanked Sally Toran for hosting.

Recording Secretary Mary Toran previously emailed the minutes of the November 1 Board Meeting to the Board. A correction was made by **Publicity Chair Gail Davis** to read, "Publicity Chair Gail Davis reports she has sent the November 15 Program, 'Holiday Wreaths and Centerpieces,' presented by Richard O'Mara, information to the papers." The amended minutes were then accepted.

Corresponding Secretary Nina Saltus reported she sent a sympathy card to Anne Carlson on the passing of her mother. A get-well card was sent to Karen Shapiro.

Treasurer Martha Schleck reported that the Treasurer's Report would be ready at the end of the month.

Community Outreach Co-Chair Nancy Agler reported that the November 17 Garden Therapy at North Hill did not go very well. Nancy says they did not feel particularly welcomed by the staff, although the participants seemed happy. There was some discussion about not going back and/or finding another organization for our Garden Therapy.

Hospitality Co-Chair Mary Toran reminded us that the Hospitality Committee and all Board members are requested to provide a snack, cookie, bar, quick bread, or fruit for the wreath workshop and sale on Friday and Saturday, December 2 and 3. Hospitality will provide sandwiches on Friday. Mary brought up the question of providing food for the public, and after much discussion, it was decided to not provide food for the public but to have individually packaged candy canes available.

Membership Co-Chair Bonnie Waters asked if we should consider changing the \$5.00 "contribution" we ask of guests at our General Meetings to an "admission fee." After much discussion, it was decided to leave it as is. Bonnie then announced a new member, Mary-Louise Kehoe, who will serve on Programs, with Bonnie as her mentor. **Co-Chair Sally Toran** reported that our supply of name badges is getting low. We have enough for now.

Newsletter Co-Editor Carol Alper announced the deadline for the January/February Newsletter is December 10.

Nominating Co-Chair Karen Taggart had nothing to report. Martha Schleck requested that when Preference Sheets are distributed in January, it be noted that "Chair" positions are a two-year commitment.

Program: All agreed that the November 15, "Holiday Wreaths and Centerpieces," with Richard O'Mara, was a big success. There was some discussion about having our own Wreath & Centerpiece Workshop next year.

Publicity Chair Gail Davis reports there have been some problems lately with the papers, but hopes this week's issue will have our "Wreath & Arrangement Sale" information, along

with pictures. Nancy Agler suggested we change our address in the Needham Times “Community Organizations” edition to the Club website. Karen Taggart will take care of it. Nancy also inquired if the Club should buy an ad in the “Needham Steps Up” fundraising booklet to support a student-mentoring program at the high school. After much discussion, it was decided not to, but Nancy will look into the cost of an ad.

Ways & Means Co-Chair Martha Schleck announced that tomorrow is the Make-Your-Own-Wreath Workshop at the Library; begin set-up at the Congregational Church Admin Building after 2:00 p.m. on Thursday; and Friday at 8:00 a.m. to finish setting up. Don Savoy will bring the wreath racks in Thursday and set them up. He will not be taking them home. After much discussion, Nina Saltus agreed to store the racks in her shed. Gail Davis has 3 1/2 lawn signs for someone else to store. It was requested that members on Facebook please post information about our sale for all their friends. Martha says we have 55 wreaths and we will sell bows. She has purchased “Crowning Glory” to spray on the wreaths.

Horticulture Co-Chair Eileen Mecagni thanked all who brought in Dried Plant Material to the Horticulture Corner.

Website Co-Chair Nancy Agler will add Neil Sander’s “Helpful Hints” to the website, along with other Needham related issues. Nancy thanked those who sent “Needham in the Fall” photos and now requests “Needham in the Winter” pix!

New Business: Needham Garden Club Bookmarks will be given to all our customers at the sale on Saturday, providing them with contact information.

Meeting adjourned at 10:50 a.m.

Submitted by Mary Toran, Recording Secretary

Present: Bonnie Waters, Karen Taggart, Nina Saltus, Martha Schleck, Gail Davis, Cathy Flaherty, Nancy Agler, Mary Toran, Sally Toran, Eileen Mecagni, Carol Alper, Lori Markell, Fawn Hurwitz, and Anne Carlson.