

Needham Garden Club Board Minutes
March 7, 2017
(13 Board Members present)

Acting President Martha Schleck called the meeting to order at 9:45 a.m. She thanked Nancy Agler for hosting and Lori Markell for co-hosting.

Acting Recording Secretary Bonnie Waters said there were no minutes because there was no February Board Meeting.

Corresponding Secretary Nina Saltus reported that she sent a card to Peggy Hagerott expressing sympathy for her husband's recent death and acknowledgment of Peggy's ill health. Nina also mentioned the GCFM Metro West annual luncheon on Thursday April 13 at 10:00 a.m. at Wellesley Country Club. There is a \$40 attendance fee. Nina was asked to send a card to Mary Lou Hughes whose husband is in the later stages of Alzheimer's.

Community Outreach Co-Chairs Diana Conroy and Nancy Agler were pleased to report that they had replaced North Hill with Avita, a memory care facility in Needham. They were thrilled to have the Club host an arrangement workshop in November. Their available space only holds 12 residents so we will start with that number and possibly expand in the future. Also, the committee will be buying ten bags of Noanett Gold and volunteers will spread it on April 8 at the Club's Noyes garden. Finally, Garden Therapy will be held at Avery Manor on March 23 at 2:00 p.m. and on April 27 at 10:30 a.m. at Wingate.

Flower Arranging reported that 20 people had signed up for the May 12th Tea Cup arrangement workshop at Elm Bank from 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. We will set up from 9:00-10:00 a.m. and arranging from 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. The charge will be \$20 per participant.

Horticulture Chair Cathie Cummings reported that 19 members have signed up for the Kokedama workshop on Tuesday, March 21, at 10:00 a.m. at the Needham Library. Cathie will email those who have signed up advising what to bring. Cathie mentioned that in order to participate in the Street Fair Plant Sale, we would have to pay \$100 instead of \$40 to the Needham Business Association. The group voted to pay the \$100 as a community support gesture. There will be a walking tour of the Natick Organic Farm in May but no definite date has been set. Probably May 23, 24 or 25th. The garden stroll will be held on June 20th.

Hospitality Co-Chair Cathy Flaherty announced that the NGC was expected to provide some refreshments at the Tri-Club meeting on March 14 at 7:00 p.m. The speaker will be Rebecca Carter.

Membership Co-Chair Bonnie Waters reported that two new members had joined the Club. Nancy Gallerani, who will serve on Membership, and Catherine Kurkjian, who will serve on Community Outreach. Their contact information was distributed to all board members in attendance. Also, the membership sign for requested donations will be reworded. The new wording will be "\$5.00 Donation Appreciated."

Newsletter Co-Chair Amy Cicala announced that the deadline for the next Newsletter is April 10. Please be sure to get the information to Amy early. Karen Taggart will send out copies of the March/April 2017 edition to the membership.

Nominating Committee Co-Chairs Lynn Braley and Karen Taggart announced that the major slate of officers has been completed and the list will be sent to Nancy Agler for listing on the website. There will be a final Nominating Committee meeting on March 14 at 10:00 a.m.

Program Committee Co-Chair Lori Markell reported that she and **Co-Chair Fawn Hurwitz** will be attending the Mass Hort Speaker's Bureau at Elm Bank on April 12th.

Publicity: The Board expressed gratitude for the outstanding job done by **Publicity Chair Gail Davis**.

Ways and Means Co-Chair Janice Berns informed the Board that since the location for our last two years at the Congregational Church was no longer available, they had come up with three alternate choices: (1) A different location at the Congo Church, (2) Ground floor space at the Episcopal Church, and (3) Returning to the Village Club, but the week would have to be later. The unanimous vote was to stay at the Congregational Church for \$700 for 2 ½ days.

Yearbook Co-Chairs Nina Saltus and Karan Taggart stated that a need for a few changes to the Yearbook copy will be made in the new Yearbook. Karen, however, will send the already received requested changes to Nancy Agler for the website.

Website Chair Nancy Agler reported that by February 22, three times as many hits had been received. Also, Bonnie Waters is receiving any emails sent to needhamgc1939@gmail.com. To date, none have been received. Members can send pics of their travels relating to flowers.

New Business: A vote was taken to hold a Board of Director's meeting on April 4, but none in December or February.

Meeting adjourned at 10:55 a.m.

Submitted by Bonnie Waters, substitute Recording Secretary

Present: Martha Schleck, Lori Markell, Nancy Agler, Cathie Cummings, Karen Shapiro, Nina Saltus, Karen Taggart, Amy Cicala, Cathy Flaherty, Janice Berns, Diana Conroy, Lynne Braley, Bonnie Waters