

Needham Garden Club Board Minutes
May 2, 2017
President's Luncheon
(17 Board Members present)

Acting President Anne Carlson called the meeting to order at 11:24 a.m. She thanked Fawn Hurwitz for hosting our Annual President's Luncheon, and all those who provided food.

Recording Secretary Mary Toran previously emailed the April 4 minutes to the Board, which were accepted.

Corresponding Secretary Nina Saltus reported that she will send a card to Fabienne Madsen, whose father is ill.

Treasurer Martha Schleck previously emailed the Treasurer's Report to the Board. The beginning checkbook balance was \$22,010.84; cash on hand \$280.00, for a total of \$22,290.84. Total income was \$238.00; total expenses for the month, \$1,082.28, leaving a checkbook balance of \$21,166.56 with \$280.00 in the cash box.

Community Outreach Co-Chair Nancy Agler thanked the Board for nominating her for the "2016-2017 Unsung Hero Award," which was given to Nancy at the GCFM Luncheon April 13. Nancy reported that the Garden Therapy at Wingate went well and new member, Catherine Kurkjian, came to help out.

Flower Arranging Co-Chair Karen Shapiro reminded us of the "Tea Cup Arrangement Workshop" 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. We are to bring scissors, a tea cup (she has tea cups if needed) and a bag lunch. Drinks and desserts will be provided.

Horticulture Co-Chair Cathie Cummings asked that we start potting up our plants for the June 4 Plant Sale. Please print out the labels Cathie emailed to identify plants. Gail Davis created a visual showcasing our Club for anyone interested in membership, and Diana Conroy is making a poster of draught-resistant plants. **Co-Chair Eileen Mecagni** and Jo Belval are organizing a field trip to the Natick Organic Community Farm on May 31, and our "Garden Stroll" will be June 20, from 10:00 a.m. -4:00 p.m. So far, Debbie Kraft and Bonnie Waters, have volunteered their gardens.

Hospitality Co-Chair Mary Toran announced that all is set for the May 16 Annual Meeting & Luncheon at the Needham Golf Club. As of today, 29 members have signed up. Karen Taggart will send an email to all Club members as a reminder to let Mary know by May 9 if they plan to attend.

Newsletter Co-Chair Amy Cicala announced that the deadline for the September/October Newsletter is August 10.

Nominating Committee Co-Chair Karen Taggart announced the Slate of Officers is complete and will be voted on at the Annual Meeting & Luncheon.

Program Committee Co-Chairs Fawn Hurwitz and Lori Markell announced several programs they are looking into for next year, all of which sounded great, and some are already confirmed. Lori asked if anyone had any ideas to let her know.

Yearbook Co-Chair Nina Saltus requested that information be kept up to date.

Website Chair Nancy Agler reported that there have been many new visitors to our website and she has added several new photos.

Old Business: Cathy Flaherty asked about the change of dates of some of the General Meetings next year indicating that they conflict with some Historical Society meetings. Lori Markell was going to look into it with the Library.

Meeting adjourned at 12:25 a.m.

Submitted by Mary Toran ~ Recording Secretary

Present: Lori Markell, Nancy Agler, Cathie Cummings, Nina Saltus, Karen Taggart, Amy Cicala, Cathy Flaherty, Lynne Braley, Bonnie Waters, Fawn Hurwitz, Mary Toran, Sally Toran, Anne Carlson, Martha Schleck, Karen Shapiro, Gail Davis,

and Eileen Mecagni.