

Needham Garden Club Board Minutes

May 1, 2018

(20 Board members present)

President Nancy Agler called the meeting to order at 12:17 p.m. The Board meeting convened at the Library following the general meeting.

Recording Secretary – A motion was made to accept the April Board Meeting minutes; said motion passed.

Corresponding Secretary Cathy MacFarlane stated that one card was sent last month. She also stated that the next Board meeting would be June 12 at the home of Anne Carlson, with Cathie Cummings to co-host. That meeting will be for the new Board. Cathy circulated a sign-up sheet to host/co-host next year's meetings. Cathy also noted that she would be away May 9-May 26, but would attend to any club business that arose during that time upon her return.

Treasurer Martha Schleck informed the Board that due to an expense error in the October report, she has prepared revised versions of the treasurer's reports from October to March.

Community Outreach Co-chair Debbie Wentworth stated as follows: small baskets are needed for future Garden Therapy events; a sign-up sheet is available for summer watering at Noyes Garden and for the library urns; and the resident of 66 Noyes St has informed the Garden Club that members are free to use the spigot at the right side of her house by the driveway for watering at Noyes Garden.

Flower Arranging Co-chair Anne Carlson stated that about 20 people had signed up for the ivy wreath-making program at Elm Bank. Club members should bring their own bag lunch to this event, and the club will provide extras. Those wishing to stroll the gardens before the ivy wreath-making should arrive around 10:00. Anne also stated that the committee has a plan for the arrangements for the Annual Meeting luncheon, and confirmed with Mary Toran that pastel colors would work nicely with the plans made by the Hospitality Committee. Anne also stated that she had received rental information from the library relating to next year's meeting, and had confirmed that the use of the room would be free, but that there would be a \$30 fee for each meeting where AV equipment is used. (It was unclear if this included simply using the microphones; that will be followed up on). Anne also looked into larger self-watering containers for the library entrance, and circulated for the Board's review a catalog with an option that she felt might work. Anne also drew the Board's attention to a book provided to the club by Mass Hort about Garden Tours, and suggested it might be helpful for committees that are planning events.

Horticulture Co-chair Cathie Cummings reminded members that plants are needed for the NBA Street Fair plant sale, and that members should sign up to work at the sale. She requested that Lily of the Valley not be donated to the sale. Cathie also stated that no garden stroll was scheduled for this year; perhaps one will be scheduled for next year.

Hospitality Co-chair Mary Toran stated that she will circulate a sign-up for general meeting hosting.

Membership Co-chair Bonnie Waters thanked those who had already paid their dues, and stated that she is collecting checks or cash. It was also noted that a small flyer (half or quarter sheet) or bookmarks should be available at the NBA Street Fair as a form of advertising for prospective new members.

Newsletter Co-chair Carol Alper stated that the next deadline for submissions for the Sept/Oct newsletter is August 10.

Nominating Co-chair Lynne Braley stated that the slate of officers and committee assignments were completed, and papers setting forth both were made available at the meeting.

Program Committee – In the co-chairs' absence, Nancy Agler shared that the Program Committee was having trouble finding presenters for the November 20 meeting, which is two days before Thanksgiving. The Committee suggested swapping dates with Flower Arranging's October 16 mixer. However, following discussion, it was felt that it would be best to keep the mixer as scheduled in October. Upon inquiry, Bonnie was able to learn that the library is not available on November 13; although it is available on November 27, it was felt that this would not be a good time to meet because the wreath sale preparations will take place that week. After further discussion, the Board suggested that perhaps Fawn Hurwitz or Debbie Kraft might be willing to make a presentation about making arrangements with greens, which would be useful for the upcoming wreath and arrangement sale.

Publicity – No update. Nancy suggested trying to bring Newton residents to the NBA Street Fair by getting word out through the Needham-Newton Chamber of Commerce.

Ways and Means Co-chair Jane Lischewski reiterated that she is collecting containers and decorations for use at the wreath and arrangement sale. She confirmed that the set-up for the wreath-making and sale would take place on the morning of Thursday, November 29, with member wreath-making to take place that afternoon. The Club-wide wreath- and arrangement-making will take place on Friday, November 30, with the sale on Saturday, December 1. All of these events will be at the Congregational Church.

Website Chair Nancy Agler stated that Mercy Wheeler was our first member to initiate contact through the club's website.

Yearbook Co-chair Nina Saltus reminded Board members that information for all of next year's programming needs to be provided by all Committees by the June 12 Board meeting.

Old business – None.

New business – Co-Presidents Nancy Agler and Diana Conroy stated that a scholarship recipient had been selected. Although her name and prospective college is not yet known, the applicant indicated a desire to study landscape design and environmental science, and the Board members who reviewed the applications were particularly impressed with the hundreds of community service hours she has provided to maintenance of various portions of the Appalachian Trail, as well as to the Needham Community Farm.

The meeting adjourned at 12:52 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by Jane Brand, Recording Secretary.

Present: Nancy Agler, Carol Alper, Lynne Braley, Jane Brand, Anne Carlson, Diana Conroy, Cathie Cummings, Gail Davis, Cathy Flaherty, Lynne Jones, Jane Lischewski, Cathy MacFarlane, Nina Saltus, Martha Schleck, Karen Taggart, Mary Toran, Sally Toran, Bonnie Waters and Debbie Wentworth.