

**NEEDHAM GARDEN CLUB
BOARD MEETING MINUTES**

June 9, 2020

(21 members present)

Co-President Jane Lischewski called the meeting to order at 9:34 a.m. The meeting took place over the Zoom platform. Jane L noted that this meeting included the old and new Boards. She welcomed Terry Luskin to the Board, and noted that Karen Taggart, Lynne Braley, Vivian Weller and Nancy Gallerani would be leaving the Board, and that Nina Saltus is changing her membership status to associate member. All were thanked for their many contributions to the club.

A motion was made to approve the minutes from the May Board meeting, with one minor change; said motion passed.

Corresponding Secretary:

Bonnie Waters will send a card to Nancy A.

Treasurer/Finance Committee:

Outgoing Treasurer Martha Schleck prepared the May Treasurer's Report and the 2020-2021 budget, which were circulated to the Board.

The May Treasurer's Report reflects the following: May began with \$20,125.03 in the checking account and \$280.00 cash on hand, for a total of \$20,405.03. Income for the month was \$1965.00; there were no expenses. At the end of the month, the checking account balance was \$22,090.03 and cash on hand was \$280, for a total of \$22,370.03.

With respect to the budget for the coming year, Martha stated that no changes had been made to committee allocations.

Nancy A is the incoming Treasurer. Martha will continue to serve in the role of Treasurer until such time as the changeover can be coordinated with Nancy and with the bank for the necessary signatory documents.

Arrangements are being made for the club's books to be audited.

A request was made that the Treasurer's Reports be sent to the Board a couple of days before the Board meetings.

Communications Committee:

Publicity — Gail Davis will prepare an article for the local paper about the new Board. In addition, she will prepare an article about the club's scholarship recipient, Ellie Hoffmeister, who is a strong interest in the environment and is planning to attend Lehigh University. Martha stated that she will undertake coordinating with Ellie to deliver the check and obtain a photo for publication in the newspaper.

Yearbook — Trish Cruickshank stated that work will begin on the new Yearbook soon.

Facebook — Lyn Jekowsky stated that the club will start keeping track of 'likes' of the club's Facebook page by nonmembers, as a means of reaching out to potential new members.

Website — It was noted that the website is not working at present. The club is trying to resolve this issue.

Community Outreach Committee:

Cathie Cummings raised the issue of what to do about the library urns, which are extremely heavy and need repainting, sitting on rotting boxes, and awkward to tend to/maintain. Discussion ensued

about the possibility of obtaining suitably sized self-watering urns; Anne C noted that this had been explored in the past, and the space in which the urns sit is quite narrow. If this is to be pursued, measurements should be taken. Discussion also followed about how to make the urns more visible from the street. It was agreed that the urns cannot be positioned where they would interfere with handicap access or snow removal.

Cathie will again send out a request for sign-ups for summer watering at Noyes Garden, and hope for more responses. It was suggested that the email include suggestions regarding what kind of containers could be used to transport water. She will also send a note to the residents at 66 Noyes St, who in the past have graciously let the club members fill watering cans at their spigot when watering Noyes Garden, to see if they would be willing to permit this again this summer.

Flower Arranging Committee:

Carole Grosberg stated that the committee is still planning for the September 8 workshop at Elm Bank. Whether this event takes place is still to be determined; they will reach out to participants in advance of the date.

Although the committee will be meeting shortly to address the October mixer, Carole asked for suggestions for the October tablescapes theme; suggestions included gourds or grasses.

Lyn J requested volunteers for tea table arrangements for the Fall general meetings. The following people volunteered: Cathie C will do the Sept 15 meeting; Lynne B will do the Oct 20 meeting; and Terry L will do the Nov 17 meeting.

Horticulture Committee:

No update.

Hospitality Committee:

No update.

Membership Committee:

Eileen Mecagni reported that dues are all set.

Newsletter Committee:

Carol Alper stated that the deadline for submissions for the September/October newsletter is August 10th. She asked that committees send information about the many things discussed at the meeting.

Nominating Committee:

Anne Carlson and Lynne Braley stated that the committee rosters will be distributed to committee chairs so that they can get in touch with members and organize meetings.

Program Committee:

Bonnie Waters stated that she would like to be notified once the October mixer theme has been decided. Pat Hession inquired about the status of the September meeting. Per Jane L, that is to be determined, and will depend on guidance from the library concerning opening, capacity, distancing requirements, etc.

Ways and Means Committee:

No update, but Diana Conroy noted her concern about another wave of coronavirus infections possibly impacting the December Wreath and Arrangement Sale, and questioned spending a lot of

money on supplies in the next few months in light of the potential for the sale to be canceled. It was suggested that the committee proceed as though the sale will go forward; if it is canceled, the materials will be held for next year.

Other Business:

1. Bonnie will send out the Board and general meeting dates for the coming year.
2. The Fairy Garden Workshop is presently scheduled for late August; whether it will actually take place is to be determined.
3. Additional volunteers are needed for hosting Board meetings in the coming year. Eileen volunteered to host the April meeting. Jane L volunteered to host the January meeting.

Following a motion, voted on and passed, the meeting adjourned at 10:07 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Jane Brand, Recording Secretary

Present: Carol Alper, Anne Brain, Lynne Braley, Jane Brand, Anne Carlson, Diana Conroy, Trish Cruickshank, Cathie Cummings, Gail Davis, Nancy Gallerani, Carole Grosberg, Pat Hession, Lyn Jekowsky, Jane Lischewski, Terry Luskin, Eileen Mecagni, Nina Saltus, Martha Schleck, Karen Taggart, Bonnie Waters and Vivian Weller.