

Needham Garden Club Board Minutes
October 2, 2018
(17 Board members present)

President Nancy Agler called the meeting to order at 9:37 a.m. She welcomed the members and thanked Nina Saltus for co-hosting the meeting.

Recording Secretary – The minutes from the last Board meeting were previously emailed to the Board. Upon motion, seconded and voted on by the Board, the minutes were approved.

Corresponding Secretary – Corresponding Secretary Cathy MacFarlane informed the Board as follows: she sent a note to Mary Jane Casey to welcome her; Kathy Lewis would like rides to the meetings; the November 6 meeting is at Debbie Wentworth's home (approach Appleton from Broadmeadow and Thornton); Mary Toran will host the meeting on 1-8-19, with Lyn J., and Cathy MacFarlane will host the 5-7-19 luncheon meeting, with Cathy F. Cathy also reminded the group to let her know of concerns and celebrations involving club members.

Treasurer – Martha Schleck previously emailed the Treasurer's Report for September. The most recent Treasurer's Report, for September 2018, showed that the beginning checking account balance was \$19,726.26 and cash on hand was \$280.00, for a total of \$20,006.26. Total income for this period was \$309.00, and total expenses were \$916.77. The ending checking account balance was \$19,118.49, and cash on hand was \$280.00, for a total of \$19,398.49.

Martha obtained an ST-2 tax exempt certificate for the club, which is good for ten years. Discussion ensued about making re-sized copies, possibly laminated, for members to use when making purchases for the club. Cathy M. offered to help with that process.

Community Outreach – Debbie Wentworth noted that the library arrangement sign-up was filled for 2018, but that volunteers are needed for 2019. She also noted that additional volunteers are needed for Garden Therapy at Briarwood on October 25. Sign-up sheets for both were circulated.

Flower Arranging – Nina Saltus stated that teams do not need to provide card tables for the October 16 tablescape event; the library will provide tables. Lyn will obtain the measurements of the tables available from the library. Nina also informed the group that the Parkman Room at Elm Bank has been reserved for a workshop on May 8, 2019 from 10:00-1:00. Perennials in the gardens should be in bloom then as well.

Horticulture – Karen Taggart stated that the peony division and transplant workshop has been re-scheduled to October 4 from 10:00 - 12:00 noon, starting at Cathie C.'s garden, and will include Amy Chan's garden as well. The amaryllis bulb workshop will take place on October 23 from 10:00 - 12:00 noon at Karen T.'s home.

Hospitality – Mary Toran reported that 45 people have signed up for the October 16 luncheon. She asked Nancy to send another email to club members to remind them to contact Mary if they plan to attend. Mary noted that 6-7 tables will be needed for the luncheon in addition to the tablescapes tables.

Membership – Bonnie Waters provided contact update slips for Winnie West, Amy Chan and Mary Jane Casey. Amy enjoys gardening, home repairs, travel and photography, among other things. She will be assigned to the horticulture committee, and also will help with social media. Nancy will be her mentor. Amy will join Lynne B.'s tablescapes group. Mary Jane Casey will join the community outreach committee.

Newsletter – The deadline for the next newsletter is October 10th.

Nominating – No update.

Program – No update.

Publicity – Gail Davis stated that the club has received good publicity through the Hometown Weekly, less so with the Needham Times. Gail noted that if a garden club event appears in the Times' calendar, then a garden club article seems unlikely to be printed that same week.

Ways and Means – Jane Lischewski stated the wreath order was placed on September 25; Mary Louise K. is accepting delivery of the wreaths on November 26 or 27 and will bring them to the church via her son's truck on the 29th. Jane has been busy spray painting items and creating 100 pine cone flowers for use at the wreath- and arrangement-making workshop. Jane also shared an idea for another type of arrangement to sell, which is a glass cylinder filled with pine cones (sprayed or natural), with an arrangement set into the top. The idea was enthusiastically endorsed by the Board. Following discussion, it was felt that such arrangements could be priced at \$40. The board also discussed the possibility of selling used jewelry at the wreath and arrangement sale, to be organized by Bonnie and Monica F. Bonnie will confirm Monica's availability to help with this endeavor. If it appears feasible, Diana will make an announcement at the next meeting seeking donations, and a sign-up sheet to help with that project will be circulated at the next meeting.

Social Media – Nancy Agler stated that yearbook information and photos have been added to the website. Discussion followed about adding a section to the website to spotlight particular talents of members, such as creating craft items. This would not be intended as an avenue for soliciting business for those who sell their work. Members also were asked to provide tips and pictures for posting to the club's Facebook page.

Yearbook – Cathie Cummings informed the Board that yearbooks have been mailed or passed out to all members; also, three copies have been provided to the GCFM. Information from the yearbook has been posted on the website. Nancy will send an email to all members notifying them to get in touch with Cathie C. if they did not receive a yearbook. In discussing the possibility of not printing some portions of the yearbook in an effort to be "greener," it was noted that the GCFM has certain requirements relating to yearbooks, which may make it more difficult to change the club's yearbook. "Green" suggestions included eliminating the bylaws from the yearbook, and instead making them available on the website and by physical copy at meetings.

New business – Nancy brought to the Board's attention the GCFM's garden symposium, which she recently attended and described as excellent. Presentations covered such topics as rock

gardens and insects. Nancy thought the insect speaker might make a good speaker for our club during the next program year. She also stated that next year's symposium will include a speaker from Holland on the topic of tulips. Following discussion, it was agreed that Karen T. will attend the October 24 GCFM meeting on behalf of the club.

The meeting adjourned at 10:44 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Jane Brand, Recording Secretary

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