

Wollaston Garden Club Minutes February 15, 2018

The meeting was called to order by President Jan Clifford at 7:10 p.m. Jan thanked the hospitality committee coordinated by head hostess Janet Lynch, assisted by Mary Kelly, Jo Costello, Kathy Ceurvels, Mary Brady, Ellen Donnelly, Diane Hill, Janet Clifford, and Mary Ryan who provided the refreshments. Lori Jackson made the beautiful table arrangement of roses.

We welcomed five guests at our meeting.

Treasurer's Report and Final Greens Sale Numbers

- Faith stated that the beginning a balance was \$17,904.70 and with one new membership and expenses our ending balance was \$17,524.50.
- The profit from the Greens Sale was \$5,026.82

Corresponding Secretary's Report from Marnie Dunn

- The nominating committee almost has its slate ready. The remaining open position is for the Chair of the Conservation Committee.

Marathon Daffodils

- Looking for volunteers to distribute pots of blooming daffodils on April 18th around the marathon route. There's a sign-up on the back table.

March Meeting Time Change Reminder

February and March are both night meetings

- Steve Perdios presented "Conservation Efforts in the Local Areas" on February 15th
- Susan Guest presents "Your Body in the Garden" on March 15th.

Tri-Club Meeting Sign Up with Squantum and Houghs Neck Clubs

- Members are asked to indicate attendance on Wednesday, April 11, 2018 at 6 p.m.
- Designer Mary Huntoon presents "spring fling" at the Kennedy Center.

Boston Flower Show

- Gail Spring will be working at the Master Gardeners desk.
- Jo Costello will be helping with the ikebana exhibit.
- Jan said that South Shore District Director Roni LaHage will try to make arrangements for workers to carpool. Let Jan know and she will contact Roni.

- Jo Costello and Ruth Griffin will be going into the Museum of Fine Arts to get the details for Art in Bloom exhibit.

Cynthia Lewis will be holding a “Fairies in the Garden” workshop at the Houghs Neck Community Center Wednesday, March 28 at 7 pm. Cost is \$25 and includes soil, plants and container. Bring any miniatures you’d like to use.

Suggestions for Memberships and Charitable donations 2018

- The WGC Board looked at the 2016/2017 list of donations and agreed to continue with all donations from our previous year.

Potential Financial Awards for Residents

The Youth Committee created an Environmental Stewardship Award” for people in the community who have done something noteworthy that benefits the city, the schools or our Club. This is for situations that are not covered by any of our existing awards.

- Ali Hussein, who wrote an essay, sponsored by the GCFM, on “Community Gardens-A Solution to Fight Crime and Hunger” will get \$100.
- Brianna Cristiani will get \$200 for her leadership role in creating numerous activities and cleanup at the Dorothy Quincy House to increase traffic to the historic house.
- Details will be worked out for them both to get a certificate and their photos in the Quincy Sun.
- Club members will be asked to submit names for next year’s awards with details of accomplishments.

Adams Shore Library windows

- Jan asked if anyone will take over decorating the windows

Recent Deaths

Deborah Peterson-speaker 7 or 8 years ago wrote a book, *Don’t Throw It, Grow It*

- WGC has a copy of her book and WGC donated books to all elementary and middle school students after Deborah had spoken at a WGC meeting.

John Hayes

- Former club member, John, was from originally from Wales and left his gardening books to WGC .
- His daughter contacted Jan through the website, and said she will be back in touch as they settle his estate.

Jan announced that WGC is looking to make a change to the bylaws concerning membership signups. In order to make a change, members need to get a 2 weeks’

notice. We will take a vote at the March meeting. The current deadline for new memberships is November 30 and the proposal would allow us to continue to accept new members after that date with the understanding that we would not pro-rate the fee.

Announcement

- Janet Lynch has a gorgeous floral photo which she took, matted and is donating to include in tonight's drawing in addition to the buffet table centerpiece.

Meeting adjourned at 8:55 p.m.