

Wollaston Garden Club

November 15, 2018

Minutes

President Emily Lebo called the meeting to order at 7:05 p.m.

She thanked the head hostess, Nancy Kelly and her team of: Meg Potter, Anne McCarthy, Pat Barry, Anne Vincent, Claire Turck, Anne Marie Brady, Virginia Duffy, Rosemary Gilbody, and Janet DiPaolo as well as Suzanne West for the beautiful buffet table arrangement.

Emily also thanked all those who donated food items on such short notice for the Interfaith Social Services Food Drive.

Kay Borak sold raffle tickets for our opportunity drawing where lucky winners went home with the beautiful arrangements made during the program and the arrangement made by Suzanne.

Emily welcomed the three guests attending the program.

Before Linda Monaco gave the Treasurer's Report, Emily thanked Linda Monaco who picked up the reins from Faith Raimondi. Linda has filed the necessary tax reports and has gotten the audit done. She gave the following Treasurer's Report:

▪ as of October 31/18 the checking account beginning balance was	\$14,841.08
▪ ending balance	\$14,333.85
▪ income	241.67
▪ expenses	748.90
○ Oct. meeting program	175.00
○ Palmflex gloves (10 dz.pairs)	299.90
○ GCFM program registration	220.00
○ Quicken 2018	54.00

Minutes from last meeting were sent out by Mary Ryan. There were no edits so they were approved as distributed.

The Green Sale Committee has been hard at work insuring that we will be all set for our big day. Cynthia Lewis had a recent boxwood tree workshop and several members made trees for the sale which are each unique and beautiful. Emily extended thanks to Cynthia and those members.

Ann Foresman and Kathy Ceurvels gave an update on the Greens Collection.

- If anyone has pruning that needs to be done, a crew can be sent out to harvest the collection on Monday to Wednesday (Nov. 26-28).
- If you are able to cut them yourself, label them and put them in large plastic bags and leave them in the church driveway.

Linda Monaco gave an update on the Greens Sale.

- There are signup sheets for volunteering on Wednesday to Saturday for help on various aspects of the Greens sale.
- We're looking for table captains from 9-12:30 or 12:30-4 on Thursday and Friday to help members with wreath-making.
- If you have an unusual container or idea, send a photo to Linda.
- In addition to Ann Forsman and Kathy Ceurvels, you may contact Linda for pruning requests.
- Runners are needed for Saturday.
- Flyers are being emailed to members for distribution to family and friends.
- If anyone has access to any of the websites such as *Facebook*, *Quincy is Everything* or *Next Door Quincy*, "please post information about our Greens Sale.
- Linda is looking for scotch broom, magnolias, bayberry, blue spruce and white pine.

### **Important Position Request**

Emily made a very important request for our Club which has entered its 91<sup>st</sup> year. "We currently have an open Vice President position which we must fill...preferably by two co-vice presidents. The office of president and vice president has a large learning curve and we need time and support to do them well. Although Jan has become President Emeritus, Everyone knows that I could not be doing this work without her and, in fact, of all of you." Please consider this, consider doing it with a friend or colleague. We will support you, I will

support you and you will learn that there is institutional history that carries us along and enables you to lead”.

Emily will be sending out a special request through email and it will include the position of Garden Therapy Chair. Our beloved Anneli Johnson has been doing this work for a while but has experienced some difficulties which is causing her to step down. We need someone to lead that work. This year’s workshop is already planned, the materials are ordered and it will be held again at a Faxon Woods in Quincy.

### **Possible Support for Wreaths Across America—Kathy Ceurvels**

*The Quincy Sun* had an article on “Wreaths Across America” to lay wreaths on Dec. 15 on all veteran graves in Mount Wollaston Cemetery or donate money support. “Wreaths Across America” in a national program to honor veterans.

- This is the first time Quincy is participating.
  - 3,200 wreaths are needed
  - 1 wreath=\$15
  - 2 wreaths=\$30
  - 5 wreaths=\$75
  - 10 wreaths (\$150)
- WGC will be donating 10 wreaths
  - Members can also donate individually.
  - WGC has a sign up sheet for those interested in putting wreaths on graves.

December 20<sup>th</sup> is our Holiday Luncheon and Yankee Plant swap.

Emily introduced our special speaker, Lisa Ahern, from Cedar Grove Gardens to demonstrate “Holiday Inspirations”.

The meeting adjourned at 8:35 p.m.

