

Wollaston Garden Club
May 16, 2019
Minutes

President Emily Lebo welcomed the members and their guests tonight. She thanked our Head Hostess, Marylou Peck who organized the food but could not be here tonight and her team of : Ellen Donnelly, Janet DiPaolo, Linda Monaco, Pam McIsaac, Emily Lebo, Kathy Meade, Kay Borek and Anne McCarthy.

Thanks also were extended to Pat Artis for the beautiful buffet table arrangement and also to Anita Fasano and her team at the front table. They are not only greeting members and guests today but they have membership applications and renewals available from Marnie Dunn.

Linda Monaco gave the following Treasurer's Report:

Checking account

Beginning balance 4/1/19	\$16,614.11
Income	\$1,881.77
Expenses	
Total expenses	\$3,034.11
Outstanding invoices	\$1,119.26

Check register balance as of 4/30/19 **\$15,461.77**

4 Year CD (matures 10/22/19)

Beginning Balance **\$5,666.58**

Income:

Interest 4/30/19 **\$6.66**

Ending Balance **\$5,673.24**

Minutes were sent out from our last meeting on April 18th Elaine McGrail made a motion to accept the secretary's report and Jackie Ryan seconded it.

Our **Art in Bloom** designers were incredible again, with Ruth Griffin and Jo Costello representing Wollaston and Cynthia and Zoe Lewis representing Hough's Neck.

Our **Environmental Stewardship Awards** are being given to the three high school students who won or placed in the GCFM Essay Writing contest. We have learned that our two scholarships will be given to:

- Theo Fox, from Quincy High (majoring in Environmental Studies)
- Stephen DeBisschop from NQHS (majoring in Environmental Studies)

We want to get a picture at the Awards ceremony for the newspaper and to also include his essay.

Our **Cleaner Greener Quincy** crew deserves a hand for their work on our gardens on a chilly but somewhat sunny Saturday. 13 members and friends members participated.

Rebecca Dinsmore was successful in receiving three grants for the Restoration of Boxwood Parterre at Dorothy Quincy Homestead:

- CPA funds
- Quincy Cultural Council funds
- GCFM funds

She is just waiting to see when the funds will be available from CPA

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We have sign up sheets up front for:

- May 27th tour of Mount Auburn Cemetery's gardens
- June 20th Members Garden Tour at Judy Hurstak's beautiful gardens on Adams St,
- June 23rd trip to the Newport Flower Show

July 25th Garden Stroll at Kay Borek's and Jo Costello's homes on Wollaston Hill. The August 15th Garden Stroll is at Kathy Ceurvels. There are no signups for this event.

Over the next couple of weeks, we will be forwarding information to all of you on the:

1. Craft in Bloom event in November in Brockton. We're looking for designers including beginners. This is not a juried event.
2. Marshfield Fair Gardening and Horticulture exhibits in August
3. Flower Show School scholarship for the Fall which will be in Milford.

Emily is looking for a small committee to discuss if and for what we may want to apply for CPA funding for next year. They have money and would like us to apply. Please sign up if you want to join this effort, we will look for a date over the summer to get together and discuss this, everything is on the table so bring your ideas.

On July 27th, the Quincy Climate Action Network is holding a fair on the lawn at the TCPL and they have asked us to participate. We are planning on doing something around Native Plants and will be working with our conservation committee, Rebecca Dinsmore and a few others to finalize our plans.

Joan Donovan's husband, Ken, recently passed away. Ken was a great friend of our club and his woodworking efforts decorate many of our gardens. His services are on Friday, May 17th at 11:30 at Keohane's Funeral Home, Quincy.

The Plant Sale is this Saturday, May 18th at 9:30 a.m. Thanks to everyone for their efforts on this, two more days and your hard work is over. If you have signed up to help tomorrow or Saturday, you have been notified.

Shelly Dein, Energy & Sustainability Director for Quincy wanted Emily to share information about the DCR/EEA/ Greening the Gateway City Tree Planting Program which planted free trees in certain Quincy neighborhoods. The program is continuing and they are expanding eligible areas in North Quincy/Wollaston. Emily will be sending out the new maps to our members when they are available. You may have seen the governor was at NQHS recently planting the 20,000 trees.

Club Officers for 20/22

The nominating committee for Officers for 2020-2021 will consist of:

- Kathy Ceurvels representing the board
- Anita Fasano will represent Emily, and
- Jackie Ryan will represent the Membership

Committee Reports:

Anneli Johnson reported that Bob Danu will be speaking on Quincy 400 on Tuesday, May 21st at 7 p.m. at Brookdale House at 99 Brackett St.

Claire Fitzmaurice is looking for volunteers to work Thursday mornings from 9-12 with the perennials at the Thomas Crane Public Library

Flyers for the plant sale are available.

Kathy Ceurvels introduced the speaker, Laura Bibler, a floral designer presenting "Sequence of Bloom", a program designed to demonstrate how to plant your garden to be sure something is always in bloom.

The meeting adjourned at 8:40 p.m.

