

Wollaston Garden Club
Board Meeting
Thursday, October 10, 2019

Present: Kathy Meade, Anne McCarthy, Jan Clifford, Jo Costello, Janet DiPaolo, Kay Borek, Pam McIsaac, Eric Hall, Ann Foresman, Emily Lebo, Mary Ryan

Emily called the meeting to order at 7:04 P.M.

Minutes from last month were sent out. The Minutes were amended to include the following which was left off the Meeting Minutes sent to the membership. **The Minutes were approved as amended. The Board approved the amendment to the amendment that had been sent out to the Board updating last month's minutes.**

Emily asked for a moment of silence for Catherine (Kay) Pattavina who recently passed. Kay was a past president and a long-time active member. We gave a donation to the Quincy Historical Society in her memory.

Budget - (from Linda) Correction to last month's report for your review. Linda had placed an * on one item and because of that it didn't get added into the totals. That is corrected here (see attached budget) and it changed for the better. **Accepted amendment to budget.**

The three books which the club had purchased as a gift to the children at the Montessori school for their part in the composting project were delivered to the school. There are great photos on the webpage.

Tax Filing – all documents were delivered to John Reed. Report is due to the state 11/15 and Linda will check in when she returns.

October rent is paid, Marnie has check for the presenter and the money for Kathleen Kelly, custodian.

No Treasurer's report for this month.

Corresponding secretary report - Kate Wylie-not present. Emily wondered if Rebecca Dinsmore's Grant has been received yet.

Membership - Emily reported for Marnie that three new members were voted in by the board since last month: Dee Condon, Kathy Stachowski, and Marge Schwendenman. The Board approved all three by online voting.

Native Plant Challenge-The Board had previously approved asking Willie at Artery Nursery to offer more native plants for sale. Linda delivered the flyer to Willie's sister and she said Willie would try to buy native plants.. SS District is looking for someone to record this entire event.

Pat Barry agreed to do it for our club but Emily will check and see if she would be interested in compiling the information for the District. Ann Foresman created a tally sheet to record native plant information for Pat and ran it by the South Shore Director, Susie MacPherson. Susie in turn asked Ann if she would like to compile all the districts' information and Ann respectfully declined. The Board thought that members should include the Latin name if known on the form to avoid confusion. Ann will send the tally sheet to Suzanne to post on the WGC website and send a copy to the corresponding secretary, Mary Ryan, to go out with the Minutes. Jan will make up 60 copies of the form to bring to the October club meeting.

Program - Ann Foresman reported that we are all set for next week's program, Joann Vieira's presentation is entitled "Trees & Shrubs" The presenter is not bringing anything for the opportunity drawing so Ann asked for some recommendations for books. We discussed it and said that they would be for our Library. One possibility suggested was Michael Woljeck's *Bark: A Field Guide to Trees of the Northeast*.

Wollaston Congregational Church will be having an Open House on October 20th. Kathy C. will bring the fact sheet, Emily will bring applications, some of our posters and the banner Challenge Sheets. Emily, Pam, Ann and Kathy said that they will cover the time from 12-3 at our table.

Civic Beautification – Emily told Janet & Pam that the Wollaston Library planters look great. Signs are up giving credit to WGC.

There was a discussion on DogGate and the hillside property. The property owner is not the City but the adjoining property owner. To deal with the dog issue, WGC (JDP) will check to see if the dogs are licensed.

GCFM Fall Conference – is being held October 30th at the Dedham Hilton. Six members are registered: Emily, Kathy, Ann, Pam, Jan, Linda. The group will carpool, meet at the church at 8. Emily will send out an email to attendees.

Conservation – Eric reported that QCAN candidates night is Thursday, Oct. 17th at the Church of the Presidents. Climate change, recycling and other issues seem to be on the back burner while campaigning is going on. The City-Wide Parents Night is being held at Central Middle School from 6:30-7:30 which is the same night.

[Wollaston Urban Revitalization District - Community Planning Session](#) will be held on Tuesday, Oct. 15 Central Middle School 6:30 -8:30 p.m. The City wants to hear from residents about their ideas for the future. They also have an online survey linked [here](#) to get input.

Emails - Emily and Jan indicated that they receive a flood of emails from other clubs and organizations to advertise events, as well as those from Mass Hort, GCFM, etc. We don't want to burden members with too much mail, but depending on the event some of our members

could be interested in attending. Discussion followed about the need to possibly have a process. Can we make up a policy (ground rules)? The Board decided that we would continue as is but use discretion.

Bylaws – The Board discussed if we need to change the bylaws. Jan said that one item could be the new member approval and asked if there is anything else? We have to change the bylaws if we don't want to have to vote in new members. Right now we can take an online vote.

Jan reported that In order to change the bylaws we have to

1. write up new bylaws.
2. have the Board vote to approve them
3. send a mailing out to all members
4. vote at a meeting to obtain a quorum.

Janet DiPaolo suggested that the Board might want to review the bylaws annually to see if there are any changes we might want to make. Since updating bylaws is an involved process, Jan C urged the Board to read the current bylaws and see if there anything else to be updated? If not, we can continue with the current ones and do online voting.

Website _The Board all agreed that Suzanne is doing a great job with the WGC website. Rebecca Dinsmore provided photos of the completed boxwood project and Suzanne did a brief writeup and added them to the website. Rebecca will add a little more about the Grant process to the article.

Mass Horticultural Society - Emily reported that there is a \$50,000 grant from Mass Horticultural available.

Greens Sale - Linda has reached out to her team and is updating what needs to be done. She wants folks to keep drying seed pods etc. People have been responding to Linda's request.

Art in Bloom at the MFA- JO Costello and Ruth Griffin are happy to represent us but Emily will ask the membership if others are interested in participating.

Floral arrangements Kathy Ryan is the Hostess for next week's meeting. Susan Lynch reports that both Judy Hurstak and Marilyn O'Maley are aware of their responsibilities and are ready with the arrangements.

Hospitality

Kathy Meade would like to order a new coffee pot for \$49.95 and two plastic water containers.

Other Business

Kathy Ceurvels went to get a new mic replacement.

Dave Murphy, from the DCR, is bringing trees to certain neighborhoods in North Quincy, Wollaston, and Germantown You can pick out from the available tree types and have it planted on **your own** property.

A Milton man opened up his yard for WGC to dig up trees and plants for the plant sale. We can go back in the spring to get other plants for the plant sale also.

Ann F. and Kathy and Joe Ceurvels dug up trees from a Weymoth former member . Examples included saplings tulip trees, copperbeach, birch(too rotten), and Jerusalem artichokes.

Emily proposed to change the starting time of the Board Meeting from 7 p.m. to 6 p.m.

The meeting adjourned at 8:25 p.m.