

**Wollaston Garden Club
Board Meeting
Thursday, November 14, 2019
Minutes**

Present: Jan Clifford, Jo Costello, Pam McIsaac, Janet DiPaolo, Kay Borek, Eric Hall, Linda Monaco, Kathy Ceurvels, Ann Foresman, Janet Kate, Wylie, Mary R.

VP Kathy Ceurvels called the meeting to order at 6:16 p.m.

Jan passed around the signup for the holiday Board dinner on which will be on Thurs. Dec. 12th at 5:45 p.m. at the Fox and Hounds.

Minutes from last month were sent out by Mary Ryan. There were no changes and were accepted.

Treasurer's Report - Linda Monaco gave the following report:

Checking balance as of 10/1/10	\$16,355.66
Income	\$305.72
Total Expenses incl a new mic	\$1,549.54
Balance as of 10/31/19	\$15,111.84

CD came due in October 10/ 22/19 and was rolled over into a new one, 17 month interest rate 2.23 due again March 22,2021 at the Colonial Federal Savings and Loan Bank CD balance as of 10/31 \$5,705.19

Tax filing-will be finished by Friday morning 11/15. LM would like J Reed to send it certified mail

The previous month's financials (September)

Checking account beginning balance as of 9/1/19	\$18,
145.89	
Income	
\$419.75	
Total Expenses	\$2,209.98
Balance as of 9/30/19	
\$16,355.66	
4 year CD balance as of 9/30/19	
\$5,505.19	

Board Meeting time change -

- The Board has agreed to change the meeting time from 7 p.m. to **6:30 p.m.**
- Board Members will subsequently evaluate the time change.

- Kate Wylie will communicate with Stop & Shop for 2020 starting time of 6 p.m. (just to give us a cushion).

Corresponding secretary report - Kate Wylie had two items to report:

1. The Quincy Historical Society sent a thank you note for WGC 's donation in memory of Kay Pattavina.
2. Stephen DeBisschop (NQ HS) Plymouth State environmental science major, a recipient of one of WGC's scholarships, sent a detailed thank you note which Kate read detailing his love of his classes and his straight A's average.

Program for November 21st

- Lisa Ahern presents "Holiday Inspiration" which Ann and Kathy report we are all set for. Her beautiful designs which will be part of the opportunity drawing.
- A notice was sent to Quincy Sun by Emily. Several people have seen it and commented that they plan to attend.
- Food Pantry donations are being requested/coordinated by Kathy C. and her husband for Interfaith Social Services which they will deliver on Nov. 24 between 11-2pm.
 - KC passed around a list of suggested items ([linked above](#))
 - An email will go out (JC) to ask members to bring items for food drive

GCFM Fall Conference -

- Emily learned about a few of the following items from the Conference:
 - Emily shared a list of dos and don'ts of gardening products to use/avoid which Environmentalist Maria Bartlett shared ([linked above](#)).
 - EL will check with Maria and give list to Suzanne to put on WGC's website
 - [Frederick Law Olmsted National Historic Site](#) - Located in Brookline has tours and will come out to speak for free. Check their website for details.
 - Members shared information about their programs and bylaws.
 - EL would like to see the notes from GCFM Fall Conference regarding membership requirements.
 - Collating the data from other clubs might make WGC want to amend our bylaws so we would no longer be voting members in.
 - Mansfield Garden Club does a welcome back plant swap in Sept. (swap or auction) when dividing perennials up.
 - Houghs Neck has an auction in June -mostly perennials.

Craft in Bloom -

- Cynthia Lewis participated at the Fuller Museum's Craft in Bloom in Brockton.
- Susan Lynch sent pictures of the beautiful piece Cynthia did as a member of WGC.

- The photos should go on our website, if available.

Art in Bloom -

- Jo Costello and Ruth Griffin sent in their application and it has been accepted.
- Pam McIsaac is volunteering with them.

Wreaths across America -

- Kathy Ceurvels asked if WGC would like to make donation again this year?
- KC will speak to the Club about volunteering on Saturday December 14th to lay wreaths on the graves of veterans.
- Last year WGC donated \$150.
 - Kay Borek made the motion to donate \$150 again, Janet DiPaolo seconded it.
 - The motion passed unanimously.
- Members need to go to the website to sign up to [volunteer](#) individually.
- Mount Wollaston, Pine Hill Cemetery and St. Mary Cemetery and also other smaller cemeteries are choices to help lay wreaths on the graves.
- At 11:15 a.m. a ceremony will take place to kick off the event.

Pennies for Pines -

- Emily will check with Anita to see if she will be heading up this effort.
- Members donate pocket money and WGC can make a \$68 donation in memory or in honor of someone.

Nominating Committee -

- Anita Fasano, Jackie Ryan and Kathy Ceurvels comprise the Committee

Confidential Board Renewal / Recommendation Forms -

- Board members were asked to fill out a form to indicate their intent on continuing in their current position or if they would like a different position or want to resign.

Green Sale - Linda went over all the details of the Greens Sale which included signage, flyers, parking, food, table arrangements, sale day attire, credit cards usage, swag workshop, embellishments, ordering wreaths, and clean-up.

Committee Reports

Garden therapy-

- Janet DiPaolo (chair) asked for details about the previous program from Ann Foresman
 - Signup sheet for Thurs. meeting will be for additional volunteers
 - Date TBD

Conservation Committee

- Eric Hall reported that Quincy hired first employee for the Department of Natural Resources.

Julianne Sullivan, an environmental scientist, was hired to be part of the Department of Natural Resources to develop city initiatives that protect Quincy's natural resources. She is one of the two positions which Mayor Koch proposed last year to oversee the parks, forestry, recreation, cemetery and conservation divisions. One project she's considering is the restoration of Butler's Pond behind the old Central Middle School.

- Tree Warden is another new position under the Dept. of Natural Resources
 - Set to start next month (December)

Other Business

- Emily detailed [Black Earth Compost](#) program and said that they are actively looking for clients. It reduces trash and creates savings.
- Thinking of putting it multiple cities.
- Takes 3-5 months to turn into compost and deliver to nurseries.
- \$3.40/week will pick up all your material.
- Emily will talk Julianne Sullivan about composting for our March 2020 program

Adjournment 7:33 p.m.