

## Wollaston Garden Club Meeting Minutes

December 19, 2019

Emily called the meeting to order at 12:10 p.m. and asked members to help themselves to lunch before the program begins. She also reminded members to turn off their cellphones.

Thanks were extended to Ellen Donnelly, the Hospitality Hostess, and her team of :

Kathy Ceurvels, Pat Artis, Anne McCarthy, Brenda Madden, Jo Costello, Elaine McGrail, Eleanor Cleveland, Marnie Dunn, Dolly Barron, Virginia Duffy, Rosemary Gilbody, Clair La Mort, Mary Cassidy and Marylou Peck for the beautiful luncheon.

Also, thanks went to Ruth Griffin for the beautiful floral centerpiece, Jo Costello for the table arrangements (which were part of the Opportunity Drawing) and to our welcoming committee of Ann Marie Brady, Barbara Gargon and Ann Vincent.

Emily asked for all past presidents to stand and we welcomed seven past presidents to our holiday luncheon.

Members were asked if there were any edits from the November Meeting Minutes sent out by Mary Ryan and there were none.

A special thanks went out to everyone who worked or assisted in any way with the Greens Sale. Linda Monaco did an amazing job of organizing us! She is scheduling a meeting to clean the closet and catalogue what we have so that we will be ready for next year. Also we will be discussing our thoughts on how the process went. Please, if you have any kudos, or suggestions please send them to Linda before January 6<sup>th</sup>.

Janet DiPaolo, Chair of Garden Therapy, reported about the recent event at the Atrium at Faxon Woods. Eight volunteers assisted 12 seniors to decorate personal wreaths. The staff served hot cocoa and cookies. It was a wonderful event and Garden Therapy hopes to offer a similar project again for the next holiday.

Kathy Ceurvels said a few words about Wreaths Across America Day which recently took place. She said that this wonderful tribute to our veterans had a big turnout, the rain stopped just in time and the cemetery looked beautiful. The wreaths are planned to be collected on January 25<sup>th</sup> for anyone interested in participating.

Eric Hall and Emily said that they met with the City's new environmental scientist, Julianne Sullivan, who is thrilled to be coming to our March meeting. She will discuss the waterways in Quincy and what citizens can do to keep them healthy.

Jo Costello and Ruth received their acceptance to participate in [Art in Bloom](#) which is being held at the Museum of Fine Arts on May 1<sup>st</sup>-3<sup>rd</sup>, 2020.

Please mark your calendar for the **Triclub meeting on April 1<sup>st</sup>**, at the Houghs Neck Congregational Church on Manet Ave. Start time is 6:30 for a light dinner before the program. The speaker is [Sarah Boynton](#), who will share techniques, secrets, and planning ideas for jewelry made from plant material that help create award-winning entries for flower shows. Cynthia Lewis told us that Sarah was the keynote speaker at the Newport Flower Show last June.

Our treasurer, Linda Monaco gave a treasurer's report and an update on how we did financially at the Greens Sale.

### **Treasurer's Report**

- The checking account's beginning balance on 11/1/19 was \$15,111.59.
- After income and expenses, the check register balance as of 11/30/19 is \$13,403.36.
- The 4 Year CD beginning balance was \$5,709.59c and has been changed to a 17 month CD which matures 3/22/21.
- The ending balance of the CD is \$5,723.20.

### **Greens Sale**

- Greens Sale Expenses-\$3,468.42
- Greens Sale 2019 Profit -\$5,039.08
- **Linda reminded members to turn in vouchers for reimbursement.**

There were no updates or committee reports.

During the remainder of the meeting, 28 members participated in the annual Yankee Plant Swap led by Carol Fischer. Carol Fischer gave a running commentary on each plant and its care

This was followed by the Opportunity Drawing.

The meeting adjourned at 1:25 p.m.