

Wollaston Garden Club Board Meeting Minutes
January 9, 2020

Present: Emily Lebo., Anita Fasano, Pam McIssaac, Jan Clifford, Jo Costello, Kay Borek, Kathy Ceurvels, Linda Monaco, Eric Hall, Kate Wylie, Mary Ryan, Janet DiPaolo, Anne McCarthy, Kathy Meade

Call to Order - Emily called meeting at 6:31 P.M.

Treasurer's Report—Linda reported the following:

- beginning balance in the checking account as of 12/1/19 \$13,403.36
- Income \$ 8,508.33
- Expenses \$ 3,307.70
- Total Expenses - \$3,307.70
- Check register balance as of 12/31/19 \$18,603.99
- 4 Year CD \$5,734.39 (earned interest of \$11.19)

- Final Green Sale tally as of 1/9/20 \$4,810.53
- Greens Sale recommendations (see attachment)

December Board Meeting minutes – Mary Ryan said that there was one change to the December Board Meeting Minutes to correct the location of the Garden Therapy event to Atria Marina Place.

December Meeting debrief—The Board all agreed that the meeting went much better due to the setup of the room, members examining the plants ahead of time and general civility of the membership during Carol Fischer's commentary.

Corresponding Secretary's Report—Kate Wylie reported that the Arnold Arboretum sent a brochure which she passed around.

Closet Cleanup and Recommendations-Linda and her team cleaned up and organized the closet last Tuesday and did an inventory of the contents (see attachment). They announced that they do not want members bringing in their own castoffs and leaving them in the closet.

Art in Bloom – Jo Costello reported the dates which are the following (which are different than what was listed in our book:

- Monday, Feb. 24th orientation day where participants get their assigned object,
- May 1st is for setup and arranging,
- May 2nd-4th Art in Bloom
- May 5th is for pick up items.

Ruth Griffin and her granddaughter will also be participating.

Tri Club April 1, 2020- There will be a Sign Up Sheet at next week's Day Program and February's Evening Program. The Tri Club Meeting will be at Houghs Neck Congregational Church on Manet Ave. Start time is 6:30 for a light dinner before the program. The speaker is Sarah Boynton, whose techniques, secrets, and planning ideas for jewelry are made from plant material that help create award-winning entries for flower shows. Our share of the cost of the program is \$133 which we'll bring to Club Meeting.

Program for January 17th- Joanne Chong Caccavalle, "The Art of Japanese Flower Arranging" is our featured speaker. There will there be an Opportunity Drawing of the arrangements of the demonstration. Joanne will be contacted to see if members can take home the containers and bring them back to a subsequent meeting.

Boston Flower Show - March 11-15, 2020 Seaport World Trade Center A brochure and entry form will be shared with members with a reminder that the Club would support any entries.

March Conservation Meeting- Eric gave the following report:

- City official Julianne Sullivan is working on draft of her presentation and a list of waterways (see attached).
- Members are asked to check the list and send any missing waterways and comments to Eric to add to the list.
- The tree warden (Chris Hayward) has closed all tickets of reports of dead trees. He will canvas neighborhoods looking for dead trees needing removal.
- The DCR Tree Warden may also attend the meeting.
- David Reich, chair of QCAN, sent an email to Emily urging WGC members to send letters to their city councilors to amend the ordinance banning plastic bags before it takes effect on March 1st. He included a sample letter that members could use to send to their councilors.
- A plastic bag ban would cost more money to purchase paper bags which are more harmful to the environment.
- QCAN wants to reduce the environmental impact and encourages the amendment.
- Jan will send out a copy to Eric of David's email and they will collaborate on a cover letter which will be sent out to the membership.
- Member should send a letter to their councilors as individuals if interested.

New Member: Emily brought forward a new member to join the Club. Anita made a motion to accept Linda Santoro and Linda seconded it. Paperwork to follow.

Board Nominations – Anita passed around forms to check on interest of Board members to continue in their present position, change positions or withdraw from being on the Board. Kathy C. will be sending out the form for Board members not at the meeting to see if they want to stay on the Board.

Membership – Marnie has an addendum to Yearbook (attached) passed out to Board members and will have copies at the next meeting. Marnie will update the electronic copy of the Mid-Year addendum to include the corrected dates for Art in Bloom, and the dates for the trip-club meeting, which were not available previously. Kate Wylie will prepare labels with these dates to attach to the hard copy which will be available at our meeting on Thursday.

Proposed **Bylaw change** Section 2-Emily made a motion to change the bylaws and Linda seconded it. The Board discussed new language, agreed upon it and voted.

SECTION 2

Delete the following:

Written application and dues for new members must be presented to the Assistant Treasurer at a regular meeting and voted upon by the Board at the next Board meeting or through email correspondence. The Corresponding Secretary will then notify new member(s) of acceptance. New member(s) will be introduced to Club members at the next monthly Club meeting.

Proposed to Replace with

Written application and dues for new members must be presented to the Assistant Treasurer or Treasurer at a regular meeting or through the mail. The Corresponding Secretary will be then notify new member(s) of acceptance, will send new member(s) a welcome package and the President will introduce them at the next monthly Club meeting.

This bylaw change will be brought to the membership for approval.

Committee Reports-There were no other reportsbut Kathy C. announced that on Saturday, Jan 25th at 10 am Wreaths Across America removal will take place rain or snow.

Adjournment : Emily made a motion and all were in favor of adjourning at 8:06 P.M.