

Wollaston Garden Club Meeting Minutes
January 16, 2020

President Emily Lebo called the meeting to order at 11:48 A.M.

She thanked hostess Mary Ryan and her team: Kay Borek, Stuart Lebo, Jan Clifford, Kathy Ceurvels, Kate Wylie, Trudi Sullivan, Ruth Griffin, Gail Spring, Anita Fasano, and Linda Monaco. She also thanked Marie Holster for the floral arrangement for the buffet table and Lisa Tavakoli for the individual table arrangements. Lisa announced that she will be at the Milton Public Library on January 23rd at 7 P.M. for a program, “Edible Arrangements”.

Emily asked if there any corrections to the December Meeting Minutes that Mary Ryan had sent out and there were none.

We welcomed a number of guests who joined us for our program.

Treasurer Linda Monaco gave the following report:

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| ▪ 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 profit as of 1/9/20 | \$4,810.53 |
| ▪ Emily Lebo and Pam McIsaac will be co-chairs of the Greens Sale next year. | |

Wreaths Across America will take place on Saturday, January 25th at 10 A.M. to remove the wreaths from the graves. You can go to the same spot you previously attended or go to the main cemetery. It is well organized and a short commitment to participate, rain or snow.

Art in Bloom – Jo Costello and Ruth Griffin are participating again this year with Pam McIsaac as a assistant. The dates which are the following (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.

Tri Club April 1, 2020- 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. Sign-up sheets are on the front table.

Boston Flower Show - March 11-15, 2020 Seaport World Trade Center A brochure and entry form is available for members who want to participate and are asked to let Linda Monaco know if they are interested. The Club will support any entries. Ruth Griffin and her granddaughter will be participating.

Conservation Committee- Emily reported for Chair Eric Hall:

- 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.
- Members should send a letter to their [counselors](#) (open link) as individuals, if interested.
- 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 previously sent out a copy of David's email to the membership.

Penny Pines Program- WGC has collected \$68 needed to fund the planting of another tree for the reforestation program. Emily is looking for suggestions as to whom we might want to honor when we send in the money.

Membership Addendum – Marnie has an addendum to the Yearbook and there are copies at the front table. It includes the corrected dates for Art in Bloom, the dates for the Tri-Club Meeting, which were not available previously, as well as information on changes to information on a couple of existing members plus information on a few new members.

Proposed Bylaw Change Section 2-Emily reported that the Board voted new language to the Bylaw Section 2. It entails doing away with voting in new members by the Board, and allowing new members just to be “accepted” and to join. The Board had voted in favor of the change.

Emily read the following:

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.

Emily asked for discussion from the membership and there was minimum disagreement. One member felt that we needed a period to “vet” the new members. She also objected to sharing personal information such as addreses, phone numbers and emails from our books to new members that none of us know.

There was a vote and it reflected some opposition. The proposal is going to be brought to the night membership for further discussion and a vote.

The meeting adjourned at 2:20 P.M.

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