

Wollaston Garden Club Meeting Minutes

February 20 , 2020

President Emily Lebo called the meeting to order at 6:58 P.M. and reminded members to shut off their cell phones.

She thanked Jackie Ryan, our Hospitality Hostess, and her team of : Mary Cassidy, Janet Lynch, Susan Lynch, Clare La Morte, Pam McIsaac, Jodi Meade, Cynthia Lewis and Marge Schwendenman for the night's spread. She also thanked Barbara Breslin for the beautiful floral centerpiece and our welcoming committee of Anne Marie Brady and Anne Vincent.

We held a moment of community in remembrance of Catherine Pattavina, a former President and long-time Club member, who recently passed away. Our Pennies for Pines donation will be going in her name. We participate through the National Garden Clubs in a meaningful and practical conservation project as part of the costs of replanting replacement trees indigenous to a particular damaged area. We passed round the jar to collect additional monies for Lucien Theberge, a student from Quincy High School who built gardens at the Bernazanni School in memory of his mother who had died of cancer. Luc was an Eagle Scout and an outdoorsman who tragically lost his life at age 18 in a car accident on his way to a scouting event.

Elaine McGrail has had recent shoulder surgery and I am sure that she would love to hear from members as she recovers at her daughter's house. Her address is in our book but here it is for easy access---77 Shed St., Quincy 02169.

The January meeting minutes from Mary Ryan were accepted without any edits.

We have three new members, Linda Santoro, Gloria Robertson and Sharon Morgan. Linda was acknowledged as well as Sharon Morgan who also attended the meeting.

Treasurer's Report Linda Monaco has provided the treasurer's report even though she was not here. Checking account balance is \$18,002.75 and our CD is currently valued at \$5,745.25. There are copies of the full report if any member would like to see it and it is attached to these minutes. Mary Cassidy made a motion to accept it and Kate Wylie seconded it. **It passed unanimously.**

Wednesday, April 1st is the Tri Club Meeting 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. Members were asked to sign up tonight or contact Emily if you plan on going. We will be sending a head count to Hough's Neck at the end of February.

Board Nominations are being accepted for next year if you would like to join the Board or want to recommend someone else for the open positions. Please see Anita Fasano for a

confidential recommendation form. We are looking for co-chairs of several positions as we think it will be more comfortable for folks to join and help that way. Co-Chairs are specifically needed for Youth, Press and Publicity, Conservation, and Corresponding Secretary.

Boston Flower Show will be held on Wednesday, March 11 through Sunday, March 15: 10:00AM-6:00PM. Ruth Griffin and her grand daughter are participating but Emily has not heard from anyone else.

Art in Bloom May 2–4, 2020. Jo Costello reported that she and Ruth Griffin will be going to orientation on February 24th and will be receiving their assignment.

Reusable Bags One of Greater Boston's largest food pantries, Interfaith Social Services' Pantry Shelf, is looking for reusable bags for their patrons as in March they will no longer be able to provide plastic bags. Reusable clean cloth or plastic bags are needed. Starting on March 3rd there will be no more plastic bags allowed in Quincy. Emily thanked members who brought reusable bags to the meeting in response to the email that went out.

Board's Proposed Bylaw Change on Membership The Board has decided not to move forward with this, since some members had concerns.

Committee Updates -There were none voiced.

Kathy Ceurvels introduced our speaker for the evening, [Paul Split](#), a nationally recognized designer and presenter of green workshops and lectures for garden clubs and organizations since 1971.

The meeting adjourned at 8:20 P.M.