

Wollaston Garden Club February 13, 2020
Board Meeting Minutes

Present: Kathy Ceurvels., Anne McCarthy, Kathy Meade, Anita Fasano, Jan Clifford, Pam McIsaac, Jo Costello, Eric Hall, Emily Lebo, Mary Ryan

Emily called the meeting to order at 6:32 P.M.

Treasurer's Report—Linda Monaco mailed out the report ahead of time in her absence.

- The checking account beginning balance as of 1/1/20 was **\$18,603.99**
- The total income was \$268.82
- The total expenses were \$870.06
- Check register balance as of 1/31/20 was **\$18,002.75**

December Board Meeting Minutes sent out by Mary Ryan were accepted.

Corresponding Secretary's Report—Kate Wylie wasn't present, but Jan Clifford passed around a donation acknowledgement and an annual report from Dove, which will be given to Linda Monaco to keep with the Treasurer's files.

Tri Club Meeting April 1, 2020- We will have a Sign Up Sheet at next week's evening program and will send out a message to all members to get a final count for Houghs Neck . The details are as follows:

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 made from plant material that help create award-winning entries for flower shows. Our share of the cost of the program is \$133 which can bring a check that night. Emily thinks that they would like a final count before the end of March. Emily will be away and unable to attend.

Program for February 20th Paul Split's talk, "Designing Gardens for the Future". Will take place in the evening. Paul will be bringing seeds which he'd like help bagging. Pam and Emily volunteered to help at 5:30. If there is not anything for the Opportunity Drawing the tickets will be free.

March 14th at the Kingston Garden Club President's Luncheon. Any two members can go. Details below:

Celebrate our Presidents, partake of coffee, tea, homemade breakfast pastries and conversation! Sit back and enjoy Anna Holmes, Flowers by Anna, as she presents "Simple 10 Minute Floral

Designs...That WOW!" Opportunity drawing for Anna's creations to follow program Saturday. March 14th Arrival and Registration 9:00am. Coffee Tea and Pastries: 9:00am Introductions: 9:30am Program: 10:15am

No one on the Board is able to attend so Emily will contact the Club.

March Conservation Meeting- Eric has met with Julianne Sullivan who has been working on her presentation on the waterways. Two of her potential projects are Butler's Pond and Sailor Home Pond.

Eric reported that the walk on Saturday, February 15th is weather-dependent --If it snows, the walk will probably be cancelled. Kathy asked if Eric could contact her if he hears anything in advance.

Board Nominations – Anita, Kathy and Emily met and discussed the need to get more members involved in the Club. The Board was asked to consider co-chairs, whenever possible, to bring additional members to more active participation.

New Member vote Gloria Robertson, 53 Upton St., Quincy The Board voted unanimously to accept Gloria.

Reusable Bags for Interfaith Pantry – The Board discussed a variety of possibilities to respond to their call for reusable bags. Linda Monaco did some research with pricing and we tossed around the possibility of the WGC ordering monographed bags from the WGC. Eric will contact Linda to see if any of the sites she researched indicate the number of uses per bag. Members will be asked before next meeting to bring extra reusable bags for the Interfaith Pantry.

April meeting change status- Our presenter for April is unable to come to our meeting. She offered her PowerPoint presentation notes and handouts. Carol Fischer is willing to present and will be paid for her services. The original presenter will be reimbursed for the handouts.

Bylaw Changes

The Board had a discussion about the proposed change to the bylaws regarding voting in new members. The Corresponding Secretary weighed in about the need to alert members (which she does) that if they joined late in the year, they would have to renew at the full price a few months later. Renewals are between March and May. The recommendation is to come to the meetings as a guests and join at the renewal time. The WGC website has all the upcoming program details. After weighing the pros and cons, the Board voted to keep the bylaws, as is, regarding voting in new members. **Pam made the motion and Jan seconded it. It passed unanimously.**

Pennies for Pines

Emily had asked the membership for suggestions for someone to honor for our donation. Two names were brought forward, Lucien Theberge (the Quincy High student and Boy Scout who was killed in a car accident) and Kay Pattavina, a former president and longtime member who died in 2019; The Board will be honoring Kay this year and will keep Lucien in mind for another year.

Committee Reports

Civic Beautification

We received the CPA funds for The Dorothy Quincy Homestead and will be giving money to Rebecca Dinsmore to use for further improvement, since earlier awards covered the planting of the new boxwoods.

Hospitality-Kathy Meade told the Board that the WGC website has not been posting the list of hospitality bakers to help hostesses know who has been called this year. There was a communication gap as to who gives the list to Suzanne to post on the website. Mary Ryan will type up a list from the minutes of the past few years of bakers to share with hostesses.

Greens Sale -Susan Lynch will be stepping down as the Chair of the Indoor Table Arrangements but will continue to work on arrangements the Thursday before the Sale for several hours. Pam McIsaac and Jo Costello will coordinate this table at the next Greens Sale.

Elaine McGrail is having shoulder surgery. Emily will notify the membership to send her a card.

The meeting adjourned at 7:48 P.M.