

Wollaston Garden Club May 14, 2020

Virtual Board Meeting Minutes 6:30 PM

Present: Emily L., , Jo C., Pam, M. Ann M., Janet D., Linda M., Kate W., Anita F., Kathy M., Kathy C., Ann F., Eric H., Jan C., Dee C., Mary R., Marnie D.

Emily called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

Treasurer's Report—Linda Monaco gave the report for April:

Checking account

Beginning Balance 4/1/20

\$17,795.80

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Total Income:

\$1,760.74

\$10.57

Expenses:

Wollaston Cong. Church-April rent	\$100.00
website- Nov.2019-May 2020	\$59.94
GCFM dues	\$531.00
GCFM insurance	\$292.50
The Quincy Foundation Relief Fund donation	\$500.00
Wollaston Cong. Church-May and June rent	\$200.00
Wollaston Cong. Church- donation	\$200.00
<u>Total Expenses:</u>	\$1,883.44

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Check register balance as of 4/30/20

\$17,673.10

4 Year CD (matures 3/22/21)

<u>Beginning Balance</u>	\$5,766.33
<i>Income: Interest 4/30/20</i>	<i>\$10.57</i>

Ending Balance
\$5,776.90

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April Board Meeting Minutes – Mary Ryan sent out the minutes before the meeting and they were accepted.

Corresponding Secretary's Report—Kate Wylie has a list of all the current donations and the club renewals for various memberships. (Friends of the Blue Hills-\$50 and Arnold Arboretum-

\$150) which total \$885. We have also given \$500 to the Quincy Relief Fund making the total \$1385. Kate made a motion to accept and Anne McCarthy seconded it.

- Emily made the motion to increase Interfaith Social Services to \$200 and Eric seconded it.

Budget Projections -Emily shared her screen so the Board could all see each item which we discussed each one. Slight adjustments were made on few items.

- Kate made a motion to approve the projected budget and Janet seconded it.
- The membership will be asked to approve it at our next meeting.

Renewal Membership Drive – Marnie reported that we currently have 65 members which include 54 checks and 11 past presidents which brings our total to 65. There are 50 members who have not renewed to date. Marnie sent out emails and mailed notifications for those not on email reminding them to let us know of their plans.

Board Nominations – Kathy C and Anita F have not been able to find a co-vice president to preside with Janet. We are keeping the position open but Emily will stay on for one year **only** if no one else steps up.

The Board approved the slate and Jan will check the bylaws to see if the Club or majority will have to approve the slate of officers (executive committee). Committee chairs are appointed by the president so that does not present a problem, However, we need to have our new officers approved so that the names can be given to GCFM to publish. Jan will check to see if we can accept approval via an email vote.

Programs for next year

- The Executive Committee will look at the calendar onced proposed.
- Ann and Kathy are working on it now and have asked if anyone has any ideas to email Kathy.
- Kate would like to be included to know the times of the meetings (day vs. night) for the Church scheduling of their programs.

Installation Party - It is on hold for now. Susan Lynch has been reimbursed for the vases.

Plant Sale Update –

- Jan sent out the first and second emails detailing our virtual plant sale with items and prices and requests have been coming in.
- All requests should get emailed to Kathy as she is coordinating the orders and deliveries.

State Of Emergency –As a result of the coronavirus, WGC has cancelled and moved to next year the following field trips:

- Tranquil Lake Nursery
- Native Plant Trust
- Newport Flower Show

Grants

Hold off applying for a [Civic Development & Historic Landscape Preservation Grant](#) GCFM. The deadline has been extended until Sept. 1, 2020 but we are ineligible to apply until 2022 due to restrictions set by GCFM it has been noted.

- National Garden Clubs, Inc. and The AMES Companies, Inc. Tool Grant Program Application
 - Janet received notification in April that we did not receive the grant but are encouraged to apply again next year.
- Community Preservation Act
 - At the corner of Beale St. and Newport Ave. we need to either have persons or a contractor to cut down the weeds with a GOAT, bundle up the sticks and pick up trash.
 - The prisoners are not able to do this now.

Committee Reports

Remembrance

- Anita reported that we received enough money for two Penny for Pines conservation projects.
- We will make one in honor of Kay Pattavina, a past president, who passed away this past year We will present it to Kay's sister.

- The other donation will honor Lucien Theberge, who was recommended by Gail Spring who will present it to his father.

Youth

- Emily contacted the high schools to get recommendations for our scholarships.
- She didn't hear back from North Quincy High but she will contact the guidance counslors.
- Quincy High will let us know and we will mail the checks directly to the award winners.

Calendar-Emily and Jan will collaborate on the tasks listed on the Master Calendar.

The meeting adjourned at 8:10 p.m.