

Wollaston Garden Club April 9, 2020

Virtual Board Meeting Minutes 6:30 P.M.

**Present: Kathy C, Ann F., Marnie D. Eric H. Jan C., Kay B., Jo C., Anne M.,
Kathy M., Cynthia L., Janet D., Linda M., Emily M., Mary R.**

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- Emily **called the meeting to order** virtually over Zoom at 6:40 p.m.
- Linda Monaco gave the **Treasurer's Report:**
 - The beginning balance on March 1, 2020 was
\$18,131.47
 - Expenses \$336.48
 - Ending balance as of 3/31/20
\$17,795.80
 - 4 year CD was \$5766.50
 - Linda sent the Club's GCFM insurance money (\$300) for 117 members which is based on last year's numbers, which is the way GCFM calculates it..
 - Linda will void the outstanding \$500 check tpayable to the Trustees of Reservations for the presentation by Joann Vieira in October and will reissue it when we hear from her.
 - Paul Split, the presenter from February, has been paid but Linda still needs his contract.
 - The WC Church rent has been paid through April. Ann made a motion and Kay seconded it to pay \$200 for rent for July and August (when

we normally don't pay) due to the hardship the Church is enduring during the pandemic.

The Board discussed donating money to the [Quincy Relief Fund](#).

➤ Linda made a motion and Janet seconded it to donate \$500 from the WGC.

Assistant Treasurer-Marnie reported the following membership information:

- 21 renewal checks have been recently received,
- **40** renewals to date - this includes all of the non-paying Past Presidents (11) and Life Member (1).
- Linda will contact Marnie about status of checks to be deposited.
- Jan has already sent out a reminder notice but Emily will include a reminder also in her letter to the Club telling the membership that they don't have to fill out a form if they are NOT changing their committee or could include a note of any changes if they can't print out the form. Members will be reminded that the forms are also on WGC's website.

Recording Secretary-Mary Ryan asked if there were any corrections or additions to the March 12, 2020 Board Meeting Minutes and there were none.

Corresponding Secretary's Report—no report

Member information- We reported on the health of a few members who have had procedures or rehab affected by the current quarantine as well as members who live alone and may feel isolated or need help in their yards. In Emily's letter to the membership she will ask if anyone would like to hear from someone in the WGC. Emily will get a list from Anita for those who don't have access to email and they will receive a hard copy of her letter.

State Of Emergency

- Tri Club Meeting on April 1, 2020 was cancelled. Houghs Neck will sponsor it next year.

- City of Quincy's Department of Natural Resources and Quincy Parks Conservancy Presents Quincy's First Annual Plant and Flower Festival, Saturday, April 18th 1:00 ~ 6:00 p.m.
 - Kathy C. emailed them to cancel and the Quincy sun and the Quincy Patch had just indicated that it was cancelled as well.
- WGC's April Club Meeting was cancelled and will be rescheduled next year. Emily will include this in her letter to the membership.
 - Jan will send out a notice to the membership.
- May Club Meeting **Program, Catered Meal and Installation of Officers** -
 - When do we need to decide by? We'll hold off until after the Governor reports on May 4th and then we'll hold an Executive Board Meeting to make the decision.
 - Kathy will contact Joan Butler.
- Programs for next year
 - Ann and Kathy C. are already working on this and have 5 meetings planned so far.
 - The Conservation Program might be scheduled for September.
 - Jan forwarded emails from several presenters who are interested in an email from some presenters who want to be considered for next year's programs. consideration.
 - Shelly Henderson would like us to book for next year. We have paid \$100 to Shelley for handouts but Carol Fischer has already done work on a presentation and agreed to do it in April 2021.

Grants

- Hold off applying for a Civic Development & Historic Landscape Preservation Grant.
 - GCFM (?) has it not due until July 1 deadline
- National Garden Clubs, Inc. and The AMES Companies, Inc. Tool Grant Program Application deadline was submitted by March 1, 2020.
 - Janet reported that she has not heard and the application didn't indicate a response time.
- CPA Grant-
 - Pam reported that she and her team will make a decision about applying for a CPA grant.
 - Although it is past the deadline of January 30th, since Quincy is shut down, they might come up with a plan, vendors and prices to apply in September 2020.

Upcoming Events

- May Field Trip will be cancelled
- June 20th Newport Flower Show trip-
 - Ann Foresman reported that although the mansions are closed, the Newport Flower Show has not been cancelled to date.
 - Ann will monitor the website and will hold off for now making a final decision.
- June Members' Garden Tours-waiting on to decide

Board Nominations are ongoing

- We need everyone's help to come up with candidates especially for VP.
- Kathy C. will send out a list of the Co-Chairs to date.

Plant Sale- update Jan

The Board had a discussion on various possibilities before we decide on what to do.

We could

- postpone it for a week or two and make it smaller.
- have a fall plant sale.
- have a “virtual sale” like the Quincy Farmer’s Market where patrons view items online and pre-order and pre-pay where patrons drive up and workers just put orders directly into car.
 - We would have to investigate Venmo or similar payment apps.
- Some members have plants awaiting to be sold (Cynthia, Elaine (needs help digging them up and potting them), Jack O’Malley who lives in Milton has 100? unusual hostas that he would like dug up within a week or so.
- Ann and Kathy have asked Cynthia to be part of their team to divide up the hostas wearing masks, gloves and social distancing.
- Linda volunteered to look up and print out pictures of the varieties.
- Jan has a variety of pots to use.
 - We had a scheduled Plant Sale Propagation Workshop at Emily and Stu’s yard presented by Carol Fischer on April 25th.
 - This workshop will be postponed and Emily will let Carol know.
- Volunteers will be needed to pot the hostas once they have been already dug up by Ann, Kathy and Cynthia.

- Ann reported that Home Dept has Kellogg Organic Potting Soil for \$3.00 which they will put in your car.
- Milton's Black Gold is only compost manure with no organic material. Some members mixed it with other organic materials and liked it.
- An issue---what would we do with the plants if the sale does not happen or no one comes to it? Who is willing to "babysit plants" over the summer and possibly until next year?

Committee Reports

Civic Beautification

- Janet asked if there will be a Cleaner Greener Quincy which usually kicks off civic beautification.
- Pam called the Sheriff's Dept. and there are no crews to cleanup the Japanese knotweed.
- Janet and Pam will set up a maintenance schedule for the end of the quarantine.
- Jo asked if we can redo the Newport and Beale corner that Ralph Ames originally designed with a CPA grant.
- For now can we just clean it up as best as we can?

Yearbook

- Jan said that the yearbook will be started to be worked on in August.
- It needs to be sent to GCFM by September 17th.
- Our strolls might be carried over to next year.

Other Items for the good of the organization?

- Ann asked the Board if they would be interested in selling notecards like they do at the Sarasota Garden Club. 10 cards with envelopes of artwork or photographs with the emblem of the Club and name of the artist on the back would cost \$12.00
- She priced them as costing us \$.50 each; \$.36 for card plus envelopes; 5 different designs
- Members would be asked to submit entries.

Jo asked, **if** we have our May dinner and installation of officers, could we have the Art in Bloom arrangement made for it?

- Susan Lynch should be consulted as she is in charge of Floral Arranging committee and has already lined up arrangers.
- Kathy would let the hospitality people know

Adjournment at 8:20 p.m.