

Wollaston Garden Club Board Meeting Minutes  
March 12, 2020

Present: Emily L., Jan C., Kate W., Kathy C., Pam M., Jo C., Kay B., Eric H., Janet D., Anne M., Mary R.

Emily **called the meeting to order at 6:50 p.m.** at her house as Stop & Shop told us we couldn't meet there.

**Treasurer's Report**—Emily gave the Treasurer's report that Linda Monaco had mailed us. (See attachment).

Checking account beginning balance 2/1/20	\$18,002.75
Income	--
Expenses	\$600.00
Check register balance as of 2/29/20	\$18,131.47
<i>We have \$750 in grant money that is due to Rebecca Disnmore</i>	
4 Year CD	\$5,755.08

**Corresponding Secretary's Report**—Kate Wylie received the Flower Show tickets but the winner of the drawing, Barbara Breslin, is unable to use them and offered them to the Club.

- [The Dogwood Days](#) fundraiser at the Mary Wakefield Estate is June 5<sup>th</sup> at 5 p.m. We don't normally attend as this is an expensive evening. Follow link for additional activities.
- Kate volunteered to pick up the seedling from the [Arnold Arboretum](#) as the Club has a membership. Jan has already sent a check for the one that comes with her membership. If these are in good shape by May they will be sold at the plant sale.
- Kate needs to receive the new member information, which Marnie has, in order to send out the new member packet for Sharon Morgan.

**Tri Club April 1, 2020-** Houghs Neck is considering cancelling the event and asked for our input. The Board felt that, given the current situation with the coronavirus, we should cancel out of concern for the health and safety of the membership. Emily asked Jan to convey the Board's decision to the President of Houghs Neck, Patty Williams. Once Houghs Neck makes a final decision, Jan will send out an email also to the Club about the cancellation.

## Member information-

- Lois Roche (Mimi Bolsamo's mother), a long-time Club member, passed away on March 7<sup>th</sup> and her funeral is Friday, March 13<sup>th</sup> at 10 a.m. at Blessed Sacrament Church.

Kathy Ceurvets read a message from Mimi to the Board expressing her understanding, given the current state of the coronavirus, that the family will understand if friends do not attend given health concerns and feels that we will be there in spirit.

- Elaine McGrail is recuperating at her daughter's from her shoulder surgery but hopes to go home next week. She has plants for us for the plant sale which will need to be dug up and as well as some house plants.
- Jean Sullivan is being treated for an infection and may miss meetings for a while. Cards would be appreciated.
- Ann Foresman's sister's husband passed away suddenly in Florida. Ann is dealing with helping her sister and will return home at a later date to be determined.

City of Quincy's Department of Natural Resources and Quincy Parks Conservancy Presents **Quincy's First Annual Plant and Flower Festival**, on Saturday, April 18<sup>th</sup> 1:00 - 6:00 p.m.

- There is no cost to join this first year.
- Kathy C. has been in contact with John McDonald, the organizer, and told him that she would be in touch after speaking with the Board.
- The Board agreed to participate by having a table with membership information, a fact sheet about the Club, Art in Bloom participation and other community projects and a native plants handouts.
- Kathy C. will fill out the form and return it to John McDonald.

**Grants** -Civic Development & Historic Landscape Preservation Grant from GCFM . Application deadline is July 1, 2020.

- Do we want to apply for a grant?
- The Board had a discussion about the possibility of fixing up the area on the corner of Newport Ave and Beale St. due to the MBTA construction.

- Some members thought that the tree there was dying.
- Members voiced caution to choose a tree which would withstand the harsh climate in that area due to road salt, traffic exhaust, etc.
- Civic Beautification Members were asked to look at the area and make a recommendation.
- The Board also discussed the possibility of a Community Preservation Grant for Cynthia and Rebecca's work.
- Ultimately it was decided that Civic Beautification folks would look at the corner garden and consider it for a large scale redo after the MBTA construction which could mean soil recovery, a new tree and new plantings that could survive in that environment
- Civic Beautification has the application for Community Preservation and will consider an application for the corner work.
- The Board decided to hold off on the July 1<sup>st</sup> deadline grant for a later meeting.

**National Garden Clubs, Inc.** and The AMES Companies, Inc. Tool Grant Program Application  
Deadline: March 1, 2020

- ✓ A grant proposal was written by a Club sub-committee and submitted.(see attachment).

**Program for March** Ahron Lerner, DCR and Julianne Sullivan, Quincy Dept on Conservation

- The Board decided to postpone the meeting and reschedule it at a later date.
- A postponement notice will go out in the *Quincy Sun* as the public was invited and Jan will send out an email to all of our members advising them of the cancellation. Kate mentioned that the church has cancelled services for the next two weeks, and we agreed that we should mention this in the email and suggest that members stay away during that time.

**Board Nominations** – Anita, Kathy and Emily met to discuss and get feedback and want the Club to consider co-chairs, whenever possible.

- Kathy Stackowski, co-chair for the Conservation Committee (Eric Hill, Chair)
- Dee Condon, co-chair for Corresponding Secretary (Kate Wylie, Chair)
  - Not sure if Dee has agreed to this to date
- Joanne Foxx, Co-Chair for the Youth Committee (Diane Hill, Chair)

- Emily will touch base with Anita to follow-up.

**Membership** -New forms were created by Marnie and were circulated to the Board (see attachments to this email).

**New Member, Sharon Morgan-** Pam made a motion and Kathy seconded it to accept Sharon as a new member. The vote was unanimous. Sharon has had a lot of experience in gardening as she was an active member of the Weymouth Garden Club.

**Plant Sale May 16<sup>th</sup>** -Jan reported that she was going to be calling a meeting in mid-April but will cancel it in light of the coronavirus and ask anyone who wants to help with the sale through email.

**April Meeting** change status, Carol Fischer met with the presenter last week, has the PowerPoint and the handouts and she is ready to go. Emily will give Carol a \$100 check to cover the handouts.

#### **May 21<sup>st</sup> meeting status –**

- Judy and Emily will be checking in with Culinary Department of the High School on the logistics and the menu.
- They have already decided on favors, and will determine colors with the floral arrangers and hostess as soon the menu is set. Susan Lynch is doing the table arrangements, Ann McDonough is the hostess and Molly Mullin is making the arrangement for the buffet table.

Jo reported that she and Ruth were going to be docents at the Flower Show but were told that they will not be having any volunteers.

**Art In Bloom** is scheduled for May 2-4<sup>th</sup>. (The MFA is now closed for 30 days). Ruth and Jo received their object which is a Turkish water pitcher. Ruth had a container which will work to hold the arrangement.

The Program Workshop, which details the presenters available to clubs, was to be held on March 26<sup>th</sup> has been cancelled. Emily has seen almost all of the presenters already and can make decisions for next year's program.

#### **Committee Reports**

##### **Garden Therapy**

- Janet reported that committee members thought that the committee should also plan a spring event such as a planting.

- Suggestions include an outside event after the plant sale with leftover plants to be planted near the gazebo at the Atrai at Marina Bay.

**Civic Beautification**

- Pam will contact the Sheriff's Department to cleanup the knotweed and trash at the corner of Beale and Newport Ave.

**Adjournment at 7:50 P.M.**