

**Wollaston Garden Club**  
**June 11, 2020**  
**Virtual Board Meeting Minutes**

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

Emily called the meeting to order at 6:32 p.m.

**Treasurer's Report**—Linda Monaco reported the following:

**Financials**

<b>Beginning Balance as of 5/1/20</b>	<b>\$17, 673.10</b>
<b>Income</b>	<b>\$2,194.71</b>
<b>Expenses</b>	<b>\$1,351.22</b>
<b>Balance as of 5/31/20</b>	<b>\$18,516.59</b>
<b>4 Year CD</b>	<b>\$5,787.14</b>

**Scholarships**

Linda sent out checks (\$500 each) to 2 high school students

- Aidan Healy (Quincy High) who's attending Mass Maritime Academy for Environmental Science
- Abigail Der (#2 in her class at North Quincy High) who's attending Tufts University for Environmental Studies.
- Linda sent the checks directly to the students per the request of the high schools.

**Donations**

- Quincy Public Schools is applying for a composting grant for a pilot program in two elementary schools.
  - The Executive Board met and agreed to support the project as they need funding partners.
  - WGC agreed to partner with them and will contribute \$425 towards the purchase of a \$1700 composter tumbler if they received the grant.
  - Eric Hall, Chair of the Conservation Committee, and a team will provide 8 hours a week of support during the implementation phase.
  - QPS should hear in August if they received the grant or not. Emily will check on it.
    - Kathy C. made a motion to support the grant match.
    - Emily seconded it
    - Vote was unanimous
- Wollaston Congregational Church

- WGC gave WCC a summer donation for the church rental of \$200. We also gave a \$200 donation due to the Coronavirus and lost church revenue.
- We realized that last year we gave \$250 for a summer donation so we are sending an additional \$50.
- ✓ Kathy Ceurvels made a motion to approve it.
- ✓ Emily seconded it .
- ✓ Vote was unanimous.

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**May Board Meeting Minutes** – Mary Ryan sent out the minutes before the meeting-No changes

**Corresponding Secretary’s Report**—Kate Wylie reported that WGC got a thank you card for our donation to the Neponset River Watershed Association.

**Renewal Membership Drive** – Marnie announced that we have 107 renewals, 4 new members joined and 5 members did not renew. We are still waiting for 3 renewals which would bring our membership to a total of 114.

**Board Nominations** – The slate has been sent to the membership through email.

- Jan reported that 70 members responded and approved the slate.
- We only need a quorum (25%) for approval.
- ✓ Linda made a motion to accept the slate and Marnie seconded it.
- ✓ The vote was unanimous.
- ✓ The Executive Board slate can be sent to the GCFM to begin the fiscal year, July 1<sup>st</sup>.

**Programs for next year** –Kathy reported that the calendar is almost set. Ann and Kathy are waiting about our September Meeting but have a few signed contracts, awaiting one and are working on making decisions about a few speakers. The day and night meetings dates are all set.

**Civic Beautification** –

- Pam and Dee reported that there was an incident with a ladder truck on the hillside and a cleanup was needed Pam called the DPW to look at the missing curb.
- Pam is waiting to see if Norfolk County can send a crew to clean up the evasive weeds at the corner of Beale and Newport Ave.

- Pam will coordinate with Jo and send out an email to get helpers.

### **Plant Sale Update –**

- Ann and Kathy reported at WGC made \$1,064 with no expenses except for a few bags of dirt.
- Board members acknowledged the hard work of Kathy Ceurvels and Ann Foresman to dig up, coordinate, and deliver plants. Molly Mullin was also acknowledged for her donations.
- Ann recommended that we give a \$50 gift certificate to Jack O'Malley for his kindness in donating 100 plus plants for the sale.
- The Board agreed and Ann will make the delivery.

### **Calendar-**

- The Calendar has been updated to reflect the Board's monthly duties.
- Emily announced that the GCFM no longer has a "Green Book" but calls it the Yearbook Directory.
- Mary will make the change on the e-version and send it to Suzanne to post on the website.
- Linda made a calendar for members' easy viewing of meetings and activities and will send it out so it can also go on our website.

### **Installation Party -**

- The plan is to move it to September if we have a meeting.
- Emily and Judy H. will work on the details if we're in the Church by Sept.
- We will have it catered and possibly ask for dessert donations. Once we create a food policy, this might change.

**State Of Emergency –** GCFM has cancelled everything for this calendar year and some things for the spring.

WGC Board Members agreed to go ahead with the July and August strolls at Molly Mullins and Cynthia Lewis's houses.

### **Accessing closet at Wollaston Congregational Church**

- A handful of Board Members have keys to the closet.
- In order to track who has been in there, Linda will create a sign-in sheet in a binder for members to include their name, date and time accessing the closet.
- Linda agreed to house all the gloves that some members have been asking to purchase so members can get them from her and pay at the same time.

### **Wollaston Congregational Church COVID 19 waiver**

- WCC has a Waiver of Liability that the President(s) of WGC need to sign to be kept on file to absolve the Church of any responsibility if attendees contract Covid19.
- Kathy C. agreed to sign it and send it to Kate W.
- Janet and Kathy will draft a letter alerting the membership of the waiver.

### **Grants**

- WGC received a GCFM grant in 2019 for the Dorothy Quincy House and since it was within the past 3 years, we cannot apply now.
- The National Garden Clubs, Inc. and The AMES Companies, Inc. grant application was denied.
- Community Preservation Act -
  - Civic Beautification will work on a proposal for a winter application.
  - Ralph Ames will be contacted to get pricing.

### **Committee Reports**

- **Civic Beautification**

Emily was contacted by Janet Little from the Farmers' Market to gather interest in a community garden. Emily said that WGC will help but NOT MANAGE . She said we could help write a grant with suggestion of a site like behind the Mitchell McCoy former ballfield.

- **Hospitality**

- Kathy Meade alerted Board Members to the need to think about refreshments in light of Covid 19.
- The Board will be thinking about how we will/will not offer refreshments Covid 19 style and discuss over the summer.

For the Good of the Organization

- Linda will try to find out more information regarding the Friends of Butler Pond so we can possibly support their group.
- Julie Sullivan, the environmentalist, found detailed work/data that was catalogued of the Pond very helpful.

### **Summer Board Meeting**

- The Board agreed that we will need to meet over the summer as new announcements by the Governor will inform our fall program.
- **Emily agreed to :**
  - stay on for the July and August Board Meetings and an Executive Committee Meeting (if needed)
  - keep the Board Meetings to the second Thursday of each month (July and August) like our regular year-long schedule.
  - send out the Zoom Meeting information and run the meetings.
  - update the Program spreadsheet.

**Adjournment: 8:01 P.M.**