

Wollaston Garden Club Virtual Board Meeting

February 11, 2021

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

Ann called the meeting to order at 6:40 p.m.

During the **Moment of Community** we learned that Rosemary Gilbody's father had passed away. Kathy had contacted Anita who will send a card from the WGC.

Recording Secretary's report from Mary Ryan was approved without any changes. Pat Barry, our archivist, is keeping copies of these reports.

The Corresponding Secretary, Kate, had no report.

Linda gave the **Treasurer's Report**:

- Checking account-- \$15, 381.13.
- 4 year CD--\$5,874.33
 - Expires on March 22nd and Linda has looked into the best rates.
 - Board agreed to renew for one year.
 - Might go with Colonial Federal's 17 month CD but will wait for now.
- Petty cash--\$\$86.70
- Outstanding checks:
 - Southern Tide Mill .When sending additional donation, Kate will ask if last check is lost and needs to be reissued.
 - Two members haven't cashed their reimbursement checks from the Greens Sale yet.
- The auditor, John Reed, has resigned and the Board was asked for suggestions for a replacement. Maria Holster will be contacted by Kathy C. to see if she is interested in the position for the end of June.
- GCFM membership dues is due and Marnie will send the current membership list to Linda.
 - \$5.00 is due for paying members

- \$.50 is due for each non-paying members

Assistant Treasurer Marnie reported that the membership form for renewals and new members has been revised to delete *The Mayflower* option (\$12.00) since now it is sent out electronically. The GCFM sends *The Mayflower* to Kathy who will forward it to Jan who will send it out to the membership.

February 18th Meeting-Ann

- Thomas Mickey, our presenter will speak on “The History of Growing Dahlias”.
- WGC has his book, *America’s Romance with the English Garden*, in our library and Ann will bring it to Janet to show the cover during the Zoom introduction of Thomas Mickey.
- Ann ordered 10 dahlia tubers, recommended by Thomas Mickey, and is awaiting their delivery.
 - They will be part of the opportunity drawing. Ann will check with the company to see when they are due to be shipped and will deliver them to the three winners of the opportunity drawing when they arrive.
 - Marnie will send a list of all members to Ann so she can cut up the names for the drawing.
 - Linda will ask about the wheel they use at UMASS OLLI’s drawings for a free course.
- Kahoot, an online game with gardening questions, will be played in teams at the end of the meeting.

Zoom meeting on Invasive Plants-Saturday, February 13th at 1:30 p.m.

- Jan reported that the link sent out to register seemed to work for some and didn’t allow others to connect.
- You can join without using the link by going to the [Groton Garden Club website](#)
- Michael Nadeau is the speaker.

GCFM Native Plant Challenge-Ann

- Ann had a group meeting with Bonnie Rosenthal and others from the GCFM regarding the Native Plant Challenge and how to best promote it.
- Bonnie wants members to send pictures of their attractive native plants with a short article.

- Ann said that the Thomas Crane Public Library has native plants in their garden and will check in with Claire Fitzmaurice to find out what they are a description with the common and Latin name and to include a photo.
- Ann thought that a newsletter went out to the WGC membership but learned that GCFM doesn't have all our emails so she will forward the newsletter to Jan who will email the membership each month.
- Next month's GCFM newsletter will include South Shore locations for a great selection of native plants.
- Ann is still looking for a point person to coordinate this effort and will announce it at the next meeting to seek a volunteer,

Update on Ellie Cleveland Memorial-Jan

- Jan reported the latest information which she just received.
- Jan spoke to Claire Fitzmaurice about the Thomas Crane Public Library as a possible site for a bench. She said that we need to speak to Megan Allen, the TCPL Library Director. Megan clarified that the Library is governed by their Board of Trustees, not the Parks Dept.
- Megan Allen was considering putting multiple benches outside the Library next summer but no additional plantings.
- Paul Doherty, from the Parks and Recreation Department, sent a form to Ellie's brother for the family to decide on the location of the bench. Other possible choices are Safford Park and Kincaide Park. Whether Ellie's family want small plantings or not might be the game changer. Jan will be in contact with them.
- Quincy Park Dept. requires a Quincy resident to put their name on a bench so WGC or Jan are willing to do it.

Spring Plant Sale-Kathy

- Kathy asked the Board just to think about a spring plant sale. Jan, Kathy and Ann are the tri-chairs.
- Ann asked the Board if they would like her to paint her available chair to sell at the plant sale and showed us an example of a "plant chair" which is cut out to hold a garden plant.
 - The Board was in agreement and suggested turquoise for the color.

- Pam thought she also might have an available chair to paint and sell.

Committee Reports-There were no committee reports.

March meeting-Eric

- Eric reported that Julie Sullivan from Quincy's Department of Natural Resources, our sole March speaker, recently went to the Montclair bog with Ann and Kathy to check out its status. It was difficult on foot to really examine it but they saw that there were vines that are killing the trees and could be cut by the City.
- She is basing her March 2021 presentation largely on last year's (2020) outline. In the intervening year she has assumed some new responsibilities that include new park features and improvements. Some of those are existing paths and trails that she is evaluating and other areas where trails and paths may be added.

Kahoot-Emily

- Emily led the brave Board members who stayed on to play a trial Kahoot game .
- She put us in breakout rooms and formed 4 teams to determine the timing needed to answer the questions.
- She asked Board members to indicate their comfort level to be team captains.

The meeting adjourned at 7:56 p.m.