

**Wollaston Garden Club
Virtual Board Meeting Minutes
April 8, 2021 6:30pm**

Attendees: Emily L., Kathy C., Ann F., Jan C. Kate W., Anne M. Kathy M., Anita F., Pam M., Clare L., Kay B., Jo C., Eric H., Judy H., Pam M., Mary R.

Kathy called the meeting to order at 6:36 p.m.

Moment of Community -no news

Recording Secretary Mary Ryan's report was accepted.

Corresponding Secretary's Report

- Kathy C. received an email note from the Director of Libraries (T.C.P.L.) thanking the Club for their work at the different libraries in the city.

Treasurer's Report

Linda gave the following report:

- \$13,576.69 checking account
- \$ 5,893.14 6 month CD-- Interest \$.49
- \$ 86.70 petty cash

Assistant Treasurer Report

- Marnie D reported that 78 members have renewed to date.
- One member is moving away and won't be renewing.
- New member: Riza Salazar 224 Newbury St #1, Quincy, MA 02171
cell 617-833-8858 riza.salazar@gmail.com interested in indoor and outdoor flowering and foliage for small places. CB PS Evening.
- Jan made a motion to accept her into the Club and Kay seconded it. The vote was unanimous.
- Kate will get the contact information for our new member, Riza Salazar, from Marnie so Kate can send her a Welcome packet.

Use Chat feature at club meeting for Plant Sale sign-up

- Ann wanted us to use the chat feature in Zoom as a virtual signup during next week's business meeting for signups for digging, potting and available plants.
- Board members tried it out by responding to her call by sending Ann a chat about their access to plants to be dug up, potted and sold.
- All other job signups should be sent to Jan Clifford by phone or email.
- We found out that the chat can be saved both by the host or an attendee.
- Emily will write up what members should include in the chat for the Plant Sale information needed by Ann for planning.

Trustees of Reservations membership

- Ann asked about WGC becoming a member as we are members of some other organizations so members could tour their properties for free or at a members' rate.
- Linda researched the various membership levels they offer but there doesn't seem to be an institutional level.
- Ann will wait and see what Linda Monaco finds out about a group membership, as the Trustee's website does not seem to offer one. In the meantime, we can get the passes from TCPL for members who wish to visit their properties.

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Master Calendar - Janet D. has drafted next year's master calendar (2021-22.) Jan will mail it out to the Board for review.

Kathy told us that **Eastern Nazarene College asked WGC if they would want a table at their April 22 Earth Day farmer's market on campus.**

- After a discussion, the Board said that it would decline the invitation.
- Kathy will let them know.

April Meeting

- Carol Fischer will present "Perennials-A New Look"
- Emily is waiting to receive Carol's presentation to back it up if there are any technical problems.

Goodie Bags

- Kathy Meade and Anne McCarthy are all set to make the goodie bags for delivery.
- They will include a pretzel with a chocolate melt and a ticket for the raffle.

Opportunity drawing

- Ann gave the Board the details of the three items:
 - Garden bag donated by Anita full of many items including Superthrive, gloves, a starter kit and more!
 - Green wooden garden tote made by Ann including pansies
 - Garden box donated by Emily which will be filled with herbs
 - Ann will deliver to the lucky winners.

Kahoot after club meeting

- Janet D. has prepared a gardening quiz but the Board wondered if we will have enough time to play it.
- We are going to wait and see how long Carol's presentation runs.

Dorothy Quincy Homestead

- There has not been a meeting with the Danes but we updated some inaccurate information on our webpage regarding the Dorothy Quincy Homestead.

Programs Showcase 2021-2022

- GCFM hosted a Zoom meeting to showcase the possible programs clubs could hire for next year.
- Kathy C., Ann F., Emily and Janet watched the 5 minute presentations each one presented.
- A Zoom meeting of the interested Board members will be held to discuss the choices and set the program and Janet will send out the invitation.

Art in Bloom-May 1

- Janet D. told the Board that MFA will be offering an exclusive Zoom program to WGC on Saturday May 1st from 4-5 o'clock.
- The private program will include nine floral arrangements that have been paired with paintings from the museum's collection.
- This year's theme is a celebration of women artists; the program fee is \$400.
- Janet will receive a Zoom link on April 21st.
- Jan will send out a reminder email the week before May 1st and follow up with the link on Thursday or Friday, April 29th or 30th.
- Janet will draft a description of the program for Jan to include in the email.

May Meeting

- Ann said that Michele Schuckel (Natural Selections: Designing Native Gardens) will present "Name That Weed" on May 20th.

Plant Sale Update

- Ann said members can get pots and trays from Jan's driveway.
- Label each plant using a stick and try to use the same pots for the same plants.
- Indicate the name of the plant, shade/sun, Latin name (if known), and include a picture if possible.
- Vegetables will be picked up on Saturday morning.
- Kate said that WGC has access to all parts of the Church during the Plant Sale.
- We don't have the area directly in front of the garage to use as the new school has a lot of equipment out there.
- We can use the area where the trash barrels are now kept and Kate will put the barrels in the basement to give us more room the day before the sale.
- Eric mentioned cleaning the driveway.
- Email or call Jan if you can help with the Sale.

Cleaner Greener Quincy May 1st

- Pam told the Board members that the cleanup at the corner of Beale and Newport Ave. will start at 9 a.m. but there will not be a cookout this year.
- She will send out an email to her Civic Beautification team.

Anne Hutchinson Memorial

- Jo Costello has reminded us of our participation in decorating a wreath on the memorial site in July, which is a public area at the hillside at Grandview Street and Beale Street.

- Follow the link above to read about the details of this historical site and WGC/Jo's past involvement.
- Designers Jo and Kathy Meade agreed to work on the wreath for this year but will accept input from others which you can direct to them.
- Since the anniversary is in July when it is so hot, plant choices are tricky to use.

Questions from Members-Kathy

- **June Program**
 - ❖ Claire Fitzmaurice and Mimi Balsamo asked if WGC would consider having the Thomas Crane Public Library be a "garden stroll".
 - ❖ The Board discussed going to the Lutheran Church again.
 - ❖ Email Kathy C. with any ideas for June.
 - Arline Goodman from Brightview in Canton had a few requests.
 - ❖ Could WGC help with plants, herbs, starter plants, seedlings for their raised beds?
 - ❖ Could WGC offer a "workshop/presentation" there?
 - ❖ The Board agreed that Canton Garden Club is the appropriate club for that activity.
 - Kathy C. will reach out to Arline for more details regarding the plantings.
- **Contract Format**-Kathy told the Board that the contract format needs some work.

Committee Reports

Conservation

- On April 12th Julie Sullivan, our March presenter, will be presenting at 6:30 p.m. via Zoom to the Quincy City Council. She is second on the agenda.
- She is looking for support for her projects starting with Butler's Pond.
- Jan will send out an email to the Club and provide the link for members to watch her presentation and show support.
- Emily mentioned that WGC wanted to do something for Julie for the presentation she delivered to the Club in March and had consulted David Murphy, her supervisor from the Department of Natural Resources.
- David suggested a letter of gratitude to Mayor Koch for her file.
- Kate will write the letter and send to Emily and Linda for editing.

The meeting adjourned at 8:10 p.m.