

## Wollaston Garden Club Virtual Meeting Minutes

May 20, 2021

**President Kathy Ceurvels called the meeting to order at 6:45.** There were 48 members who joined us virtually for the program.

She thanked all the many members who contributed to our goodie bag initiative:

Bakers: Rosemary Gilbody, Kate Wylie, Claire Turck, Lisa Tavakoli, Anne McCarthy, and Kathy Meade

Delivery Volunteers: Nancy Kelly, Janet DiPaolo, Clare LaMorte, Jan Clifford, Suzanne West, Pam McIsaac, Susan Lynch, Kathy Meade, Kay Borek, Jo Costello, Kathy Ceurvels, and Anita Fasano.

Ann also thanked all the members who contributed in so many ways to making the 2021 Plant Sale such a success from digging up plants in members yards, repotting them, donating their own plants, transporting and setting up and working at the Plant Sale.

### **Treasurer's Report-Linda Monaco**

- Checking account balance as of 4/1/21--\$13,576.69
  - Income=\$2,385.62
  - Expenses=\$815.94
  - Balance as of 4/30/21=\$15,146.37
- CD matures 9/20/21, Balance =\$5,894.61
- Linda reported that we have designated donations for the many organizations we support.
- She also announced the two Quincy high school scholarship recipients for \$500 each:
  - North Quincy High School- Jade Murphy, Environmental Studies, UMass, Boston
  - Quincy High School- Isabella Hanley, Environmental Studies , UMass, Amherst

### **Assistant Treasurer's Report-Marnie Dunn**

- Marnie reported that there have been 101 renewals to date.
- Awaiting 7 others to renew. Marnie urged members to send in their renewals.
- One new member who didn't renew last year and 2 brand new members.

### **Plant Sale-Jan Clifford**

- Jan Clifford reported that people were happy to be outside and enjoyed our Sale.
- WGC had 1,200 plants + 300 annuals and donated decorated drawers and a chair.
- We took in \$6,808.50, had \$1,640.44 in expenses and netted \$5,168.06 which didn't include \$76 from today. We set a new record for net proceeds.
- We donated plants to five schools and the Wollaston Post Office.
- Plants are still available in Jan's driveway.
- Emily will write up an article for the Quincy Sun which Linda will edit.

## **Committee Reports**

### **Program Committee**

- Janet DiPaolo will be sending an email invitation to members of the Program Committee and the Board to meet in early June to begin planning for the 2021/22 season.
- In the meantime, she encourages club members who have any programming ideas or suggestions to send them to [dipaolo7@gmail.com](mailto:dipaolo7@gmail.com).

### **Garden Therapy**

- Clare Le Morte reported that she and Jackie Ryan met with the new Director of the Atrium at Faxon Woods, Kristina Bean, on Wednesday.
- They need 3-5 volunteers to help plant herbs, tomatoes and some annuals in the back garden.
- The Atrium will manage the plantings afterwards.
- This will be taking place after June 9<sup>th</sup> and volunteers need to wear masks and be fully vaccinated.

### **Garlic Mustard Pulling Event**

- After reading a *Boston Globe* article Judy Hurstak and Emily Lebo would like to form a group to pull garlic mustard, the invasive plant which is actively growing right now. One possible area is near the Neighborhood Club or Squantum. They would cap off the event with a picnic. Contact them if you are interested in participating.

## **Featured Program**

Ann introduced our speaker, Michele Frank Schuckel, owner of [Natural Selections](#), for the featured program, ” **Name That Weed**”. Michele is a Certified Master Gardener who has consulted for the Esplanade Association for Horticultural Strategy. She has designed for Art in Bloom at the M.F.A. and is a Certified Home Compost Instructor through the Mass Department of Environmental Protection.

The meeting adjourned at 8:17 P.M.