



Weymouth Garden Club

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WEYMOUTH GARDEN CLUB (“WGC”)

MEMBER MEETING

DATE: April 10, 2021

The WGC meeting was called to order at 9:30 a.m. EDT, by Yoshie Picciotto, President, in a virtual setting via zoom. Yoshie welcomed all members to the meeting. There were 22 members in attendance. Yoshie welcomed a new member, Karen Lowe to the meeting and was glad to see that Bill Gill was able to join today.

Invocation: Given by Anne Nicholas

Look back and be grateful,
Look ahead and be hopeful,
Look around and be helpful.

Author Unknown

Treasurer: Karen DeTellis gave an accounting of the funds available. A sponsorship fee was sent to the Cape Cod Hydrangea Society. In partnership with Heritage Museums and Gardens, they will present the 6th Annual Hydrangea University on July 9th. Yoshie will provide details to Lisa for forwarding to members of the 10-day celebration of all things Hydrangea on the Cape. WGC members can register for virtual participation.

Secretary: Anne Nichols confirmed the minutes from the March meeting have been posted to the website.

Nominating Committee: Jean Berg, Chair announced the slate of nominees for today’s elections as follows.

President – Anne Nicholas

Vice President – Libby McDonald

Treasurer – Carole Johnson

Recording Secretary – Donna Schiller

Corresponding Secretary – Lisa Kimball

There were no nominations from the floor for these positions. As there were no nominations from the floor, Anne Nichols, Recording Secretary cast a vote for the officers as presented. Installation of officers will be held when Andrea Ross is available. Tentative plan for April 24th at the Abigail Adams Green Clean-up or at the May 8th General meeting. Congratulations to our new officers.

Committee updates:

Media: Martha Slocum is updating the WGC website, creating a username and password to allow access to site communications. The Facebook page has been getting many requests. Members are encouraged to post daffodil photos, be sure to include location of photo. Administrators are reviewing all posts for site. Annual Abigail Adams' Green Clean up info will be posted.

Several Committees are looking for Co-chairs. Committee Chairs attend Board meetings where club activities and expenses are discussed and voted on. This is a great place to share ideas. Thank you to members who have stepped up to the challenge. New Chairs' names underlined below.

Books-in-Bloom – Michelle Cappellini and Joanne Kelley

Helping Hands – Libby McDonald and Karen DeTellis

Historian – Michelle Cappellini and Libby McDonald

Sunshine Remembrance – Judy Suket, Karen DeTellis/Charlotte Champagne.

Donations: Charlotte Delaney thanked members for generous contributions to the Weymouth Food Pantry. We donated an astonishing amount this year topping prior contributions. Total raised is \$2,150.

Field Trips: The Butterfly Place in Westford is suggested as an interesting activity for members.

Historian: Michelle continues collecting WGC items of interest for our 90th Anniversary as well as the Weymouth 400 celebration. Please pass along any news clippings or memories you may have.

Membership: 2021-2022 season will remain at \$40. Please send your checks made out to Weymouth Garden Club to Phyllis McCormack (address in Member Yearbook) by June 30th. Phyllis will be stepping into the Membership Chair role with Yoshie as Donna Schiller becomes Recording Secretary.

Plant Sale/Beautification: Suzanne Sullivan is waiting for confirmation from Mayor Hedlund's office for use of the DPW on May 15th.

All members are required to donate 10 plants minimum. Any members with additional empty pots can drop them off at Suzanne's house outside of garage.

Club participation needed for publicity, signs, set up, etc. Since Town permission is needed to place signs on Town property, members who live on main streets can place signs on their own property as a viable option. Social media, Facebook, Weymouth News and word of mouth are the most effective advertising. Flyers will be provided via email when details have been firmed

up. Save the Date signage will be arranged with the DPW for posting on the new electronic message board.

Decision has been made to accept payments at the sale by Venmo in addition to cash and checks. (Update, Venmo will not be used.)

Don't forget our participation in the Annual Town clean-up with our efforts focused on the Abigail Adams Green. A flyer will be posted on Facebook with further details.

Library Flower Arrangements: Our Club is again providing arrangements to the Tufts Library. If interested, please contact Michelle for requirements and sign up.

Abigail Adams Green Committee: has been created to initially oversee any areas that require special attention with upkeep of the Green eventually to be combined with Beautification. Interested members should contact Anne Nicholas or Lisa Kimball who will Co-chair the Committee. Several members have voiced interest in helping including Carmela Rihn, Yoshie and Bill. The Club will participate in the Weymouth 400 Celebration with a medicinal herb garden as was planted in Weymouth's early days.

The Museum of Fine Arts (MFA) is holding a virtual "Art in Bloom" titled "Bloom Where You're Planted" from April 30th through May 3. Visit MFA site for details.

WGC Bylaws: Members were sent copies of the revised bylaws to be reviewed and voted on. Members participated in a lively discussion focusing on expanded roles of the Officers, member sponsorship of interested like-minded gardeners from outside of Weymouth to increasing our member total to 100 due to expanded facilities.

Motion made by Suzanne that revisions of the bylaws, including the review of the documents and postings be put to a vote. Vote made and passed. New bylaws will be incorporated in the next Yearbook.

Fairy Garden Workshop by Alison Sullivan: The presentation included details to create a fairy garden for outdoors or indoors. The garden is a whimsical idea to bring interest and color into your landscape. Alison gave great information to quickly establishing a miniature home for fairies, gnomes and garden creatures. The garden is as varied as your imagination can make it. This is a great idea for sale items at the Plant Sale. Thank you, Alison for this informative and entertaining workshop.

The next Board meeting is on Tuesday, April 27th and the General Meeting on May 8th which will include Installation of Officers and Plant Sale Plans.

Anne Nichols, Secretary