



Weymouth Garden Club

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WEYMOUTH GARDEN CLUB ("WGC")

MEMBER MEETING

DATE: January 13, 2018

The WGC meeting was called to order at 9:30 a.m. EDT, by Ms. Yoshie Picciotto, President, at The Church of the Holy Nativity located at 8 Nevin Road, South Weymouth, Massachusetts. The President welcomed all members to the meeting with a greeting of Happy New Year.

There were 39 members present at this meeting.

Mr. Jordan Bagarolo gave a brief invocation toting the harbinger of Spring, namely January thaw and the first seed catalogs in the mail.

Secretary's Report: Ms. Anne Nichols stated that the approved minutes to the November Member meeting are posted on the WGC website.

Treasurer's Report: Ms. Karen DeTellis reported balances in our Checking and Savings Accounts as of 12/31/17. A brief accounting of the Wreath Sale was also reported. The December Sale was very successful. All wreaths were sold. The swags and arrangements were also very popular. A final accounting of the Holiday luncheon concluded Ms. DeTellis' report.

Corresponding Secretary: Ms. Mary Trentin reminded members to communicate any changes in contact information to ensure everyone receives WGC announcements and notices.

Garden Club Federation of Massachusetts ("GCFM"): Ms. Picciotto reminded members of the educational opportunities at Elm Bank in Wellesley. Programs include Environmental Studies, Landscape Design and Gardening Study.

The Pennies for Pines collection bag was circulated. Our goal is to raise a sufficient amount to plant an acre of trees in memory of Ms. Patricia Savage, member who passed away suddenly last year.

The Boston Flower and Garden Show will return to the Seaport World Trade Center March 14 – 18, 2018. Massachusetts Horticultural Society has exciting information on their website www.masshort.org about participating in the upcoming Flower Show. Novices and experienced gardeners are encouraged to visit the website for additional information.

Museum of Fine Arts "Art in Bloom" event – April 28-30, 2018 – celebrates spring in their Annual Festival with fine art and fresh flowers. Ms. Cappellini and Ms. Picciotto have decided to enter the competition and are eagerly anticipating their assignment to challenge their creativity.

Books-in-Bloom: Ms. Jean Berg shared a binder with examples of past entrants as well as news clippings. Ms. Berg suggested to pick a book with a nice jacket giving entries ample embellishment opportunity. The set-up is at Tufts Library, Broad St. Weymouth on Thursday, March 1st. Exhibiting is open to all - friends and neighbors alike - so spread the word. The public will be able to view the exhibits on March 2nd and 3rd. A reception is hosted by



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The Friends of the Library at 1:00 p.m. on Saturday. Entries are not judged but enjoyed by all. Further details will be shared at the February Member meeting.

Children's Workshop: The first workshop was attended by 9 Middle School children who had signed up at the Library. Their enthusiasm was evident as they were anxious to assemble an additional centerpiece if time and supplies allowed. Ms. Picciotto and Mr. Bagarolo were both in attendance giving guidance and education. A second workshop will feature seed starting in the Spring.

Donations: Ms. Charlotte Delaney thanked Members for their generous participation in the Giving Tree which provided Christmas gifts to children through Weymouth Youth and Family Service. Transporting was shared by several members with a total of 85 gifts. Ms. Delaney also informed members that Opportunity Drawing tickets must remain flat when depositing in basket.

Field Trips: The February field trip is scheduled for 2/17 to the Fuller Craft Museum in Brockton. The cost is \$12 per person, \$10 for Seniors, guests are also welcome to attend. The guided tour will begin at 10:30 a.m. A sign-up sheet was circulated to gauge interest. Further details will be provided at February Member meeting.

Garden Therapy: Ms. Mary Fasci detailed activities at recent Garden Therapy session on January 2nd at Pope Nursing Home. The residents enjoyed making centerpieces that will grace their dining room tables. The next scheduled session is on 2/13 at 10:30 a.m. All members are welcome to assist, and any donations of seasonal containers or decorations are gladly accepted.

Historian: Ms. Michelle Cappellini received an interesting email from Tufts Library alerting her that WGC has a locker – specifically #35 – at the Library. An inventory will be compiled detailing the scrapbooks and slides in the locker.

Hospitality: Ms. Paula Foster thanked Ms. Charlotte Champagne for hosting the refreshments for the meeting. Also, thanks to Ms. Suzanne Sullivan for providing the beautiful centerpiece. The variety of baked goods, breakfast items and fruit were all quite delicious and enjoyed by all. Ms. Foster is looking for the pastel tablecloths that were taken by a member to be washed and are now missing.

Membership: Ms. Sue Wencek introduced a new member, Laura. Our membership now stands at 66.

Plant Sale: Ms. Charlotte Champagne shared health updates on 2 members. Cards were circulated to send get well wishes to them.

Ms. Champagne gave a full accounting of funds raised in 2017 for each of the endeavors within the Plant Sale – Opportunity Drawing, Marketplace, basket arrangements and of course the Plant Sale. Chairpersons are being contacted to find out what worked best and suggestions to make 2018 our best sale ever.

WGC has approved 2 - \$1,000 scholarships in 2018 to be awarded to Weymouth residents be pursuing a related field of horticulture.



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The Website will be updated with recent photos within the next month. With the winter weather upon us, any meeting cancellation will go on the Web to alert members. In addition, phone calls will be made.

Publicity: Ms. June Fulton has compiled the Publicity Press Book for 2017 which will be entered in competition with GCFM. Ms. Fulton is applauded for her dedication and thoroughness in compiling the beautiful binder.

Town Beautification: Ms. Suzanne Sullivan thanked all the members who participated in making the Wreath Sale a success. Projects for 2018 will include more daffodil bulbs purchased to enhance established sites and beautify additional locations. Planting a tree for Arbor Day was also discussed.

Library Flower Arrangements: Member volunteers are supplying arrangements as scheduled. The Library staff have showcased some arrangements on the Library Facebook page. Ms. Cappellini has accepted the Chairperson role for coordinating of the monthly floral donations. Ms. Cappellini will also remind volunteers to check arrangements after delivery to freshen and water as necessary.

Business portion of the meeting concluded at 10:16 am for conversation and Opportunity Drawing. Meeting called back to order at 10:25 am.

Program: Ms. Anne Nicholas introduced "Gardening in the Shade" Presenter Ms. Suzanne Mahler. The program was informative, providing many alternatives for shade loving gardens. The slide presentation showed Ms. Mahler's vast landscape with extensive beds and perennials to provide foliage for a peaceful shady retreat. The presentation concluded with a brief question and answer segment.

The Opportunity Drawing closed out the meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at: 12:19 p.m. ET.

Respectfully submitted,

Anne Nichols

Anne Nichols, Secretary