



Weymouth Garden Club

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WEYMOUTH GARDEN CLUB ("WGC")

MEMBER MEETING

DATE: March 9, 2019

The WGC meeting was called to order at 9:35 a.m. EST, by Mr. Jordan Bagarolo, Vice President, at The Church of the Holy Nativity located at 8 Nevin Road, South Weymouth, Massachusetts. Jordan welcomed all members to the meeting.

There were 43 members present at this meeting.

Invocation: was given by Jordan:

Spring is not the best of seasons,

Cold and flu are two good reasons;

Wind and rain and other sorrow,

Warm today and cold tomorrow. ~ Author Unknown

Program: Ms. Maureen Lyons introduced the speaker – Ms. Lisa Tavakoli.

Ms. Tavakoli boasts 20+ years of education and practical experience in the world of plants and herbs. She is also a member of the Wollaston Garden Club. The lively, informative discussion included a Nettles sample drink for any member interested as well as popcorn tossed with healthy herbs. Suggestions were shared for growing, harvesting and use of herbs as natural remedies.

The Speaker concluded at 10:50, immediately followed by a short break.

Meeting resumed at 11:10 for the raffle

Donations: Ms. Charlotte Delaney thanked the members for the great raffle items this month. Food Pantry donations will be collected again this month. Sign-up sheet for future raffle items is located on raffle table.

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

Treasurer's Report: Ms. Karen DeTellis reported the current balances in our Checking and Savings Accounts. Pennies for Pines goal to plant 2 acres of trees has been reached.

Corresponding Secretary: Ms. Mary Trentin reminded members to refer to Newsletter which contained updates to Member contact information.

Garden Club Federation of Massachusetts (GCFM): No updates currently.

The Boston Flower Show will take place at the Seaport World Trade Center on March 13-17. Volunteers are still needed.

Mass Master Gardeners Association and Neal Sanders' articles were forwarded.

Field Trips: Ms. Nicholas reminded members that the March field trip is on March 23rd to the Isabella Stuart Gardner Museum. The cost is \$17/seniors and \$20/all others. The fee includes a 1 hour guided tour. Meet at 10 a.m. in parking lot where Precinct 10 is located at the far south end. Watch for further details in email.

Garden Therapy: Ms. Joanne Kelley reminded members about the next Garden Therapy session on March 12th – 10:30 am at Pope Nursing Home will be planting seedlings and repotting plants in effort to fill sunroom with flowers. All members are encouraged to attend.

Helping Hands: Ms. Brenda Reed reminded Members that help is available to members who are not able to tend their garden due to illness. Help is also available for members who need help digging up plants for the Plant Sale.

Historian: Ms. Michelle Cappellini requests any WGC historic/past flyers, newspaper clippings, photos etc. that Members have be forwarded to her.

Hospitality: Ms. Paula Foster thanked the members for the delicious spread of baked goods, fruits and the beautiful centerpiece.

Media/Web: Mses. Michelle Cappellini and June Fulton have been working at the studio intermittently dodging the parking lot construction and the issues with the computer. Topics include – How to prepare for spring, houseplants, birds & the bees and what gardeners do in winter. May also include a demonstration on making Kokodamas.

Membership: Ms. Donna Schiller was not able to attend the meeting. Ms. Deborah Toal did a great job in Donna's absence. Welcome to new member Phyllis. Current membership stands at 74. Dues can be paid at April meeting.

Plant Sale: Ms. Suzanne Sullivan confirmed the date of Saturday, May 18th from 9-1 at the DPW on Winter Street. Members are required to drop off a minimum of 10 plants on Friday, May 17th between 4-6pm. Sign-up sheets were provided for the numerous committees, including: Publicity, Set-up, Pricing on Friday, Raffles, Membership, Staging and Check out. Members are reminded to bring clean extra pots to upcoming meetings. Suzanne will supply marking sticks at next meeting. Each plant should be identified with color, proper environment, etc. Members are encouraged to re-pot early, making sure dead leaves have been removed from potted plant. Clean pots should be used.

Beautification: Ms. Suzanne Sullivan reported the Weymouth Town clean-up day is 4/27. The Abigail Adams Green clean-up will be coordinated on that day. Suzanne welcomes suggestions of areas in town that could use a spring spruce up.

Programs: Ms. Anne Nicholas stated the April program will be on Roses.

Publicity: Ms. Jean Berg will be posting Plant sale details on all the Weymouth pages – Cable Channel 8 – WETC and Channel 9 -WCA.

Sunshine Remembrance: Ms. Judy Suket has no updates currently.

Library Flower Arrangements: With the Tufts Library under construction – 2 alternate sites have been chosen for arrangements. Pratt Library and Weymouth North Library will each have 1 arrangement per month. Sign-up sheets were circulated for coming months. Fresh blooms are requested as well as inspection during the month to add water or prune. Suggestion for a potted plant at Fogg Library may not be a good idea as the children are often unsupervised and might decide to dig. Further consideration is warranted.

MFA Art in Bloom: Confirmed dates – Friday 4/26/19 to setup with removal on Tuesday 4/30/19. An Ancient World Syrian "storm god" statuette, circa 1500-1200 B.C. is the article chosen for this year's display. There are 50 Garden Clubs participating in the event.

Pennies for Pines: We've exceeded our goal to plant 2 acres of trees in honor of 2 long-time WGC members. A presentation will be made at a future meeting when certificates are in hand.

Nominating Committee: Ms. Jean Berg is Chair of the Nominating Committee for upcoming elections. The current Treasurer and Recording Secretary will retain their positions. Ms. Yoshie Picciotto is also remaining as President. Ms. Anne Nicholas is nominee for Vice President and Ms. Lisa Kimball is nominee for Corresponding Secretary. Elections will be held in April with installations in May.

The meeting was adjourned at: 12 p.m. EST.

Respectfully submitted,

Anne Nichols

Anne Nichols, Secretary