



Weymouth Garden Club

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WEYMOUTH GARDEN CLUB ("WGC")

MEMBER MEETING

DATE: May 11, 2019

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.

There were 41 members present at this meeting.

Ms. Picciotto opened the meeting with the following invocation:

Essential advice for the gardener:

Grow peas of mind, lettuce be thankful, squash selfishness, turnip to help thy neighbor and always make thyme for loved ones.
– Author Unknown.

Ms. Donna Schiller is not able to attend today's meeting. Dues can be given to Ms. Picciotto.

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

Treasurer's Report: Ms. Karen DeTellis reported the current balances in our Checking and Savings Accounts. Members are reminded that approval of expenses are required from Ms. Picciotto prior to reimbursement.

Floral Presentation: In appreciation and for out-going officers, floral presentations made to Mses. Mary Trentin, Yoshie Picciotto and Mr. Jordan Bagarolo.

Pennies for Pines: Presentations made to members – Mses. Barbara Fleming and Ellie Reppucci – commemorating an acre of pines planted in their names. Donations from WGC members during the year to the National Garden Club Federation (NGCF) funds this worthy endeavor.

Garden Club Federation of Massachusetts (GCFM): Ms. Bonnie Rosenthal is the newly elected President of the Federation. Her pledge is "Go Native" promotes the use of native plants which are more drought tolerant and working with nature, not against it.

Marshfield Fair: WGC members are encouraged to visit the Marshfieldfair.org website for full details of the 2019 happenings. There are many great topics, all kinds of flowers and many prizes in a wide range of categories.

New Business:

Field Trips: The Cochato Nursery tour is scheduled for June 1st. The address is 383 North Franklin Street in Holbrook. Carpooling is suggested. The tour should take 1 hour, meet at 9:30. Next season Field trip Chairs are Ms. Alice Desaulniers and Mayre Hammond.

Garden Therapy: Ms. Joanne Kelley is planning to make May baskets with little arrangements with the residents of Pope Nursing Home. Members can join in the fun on May 14th at 10:30 am.

Helping Hands: Ms. Brenda Reed has one more clean-up planned for WGC member for the spring to be done soon. Reminder: this is a service for WGC members only.

Historian: Ms. Michelle Cappellini continues collecting any items of interest for the WGC through the years.

Hospitality: Ms. Paula Foster thanks all folks for the refreshments and beautiful centerpiece as well as thanks to Co-chairs Mses. Barbara Collins and Maureen Silva for their faithful service.

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Media: Ms. Michelle Cappellini confirmed the current Media presentation is almost complete. Editing issues have complicated the process, however new computer should alleviate many issues. Ms. Martha Slocum has stepped up to work with Ms. Cappellini, Charlotte Champagne and June Fulton next season.

Membership: Dues should be forwarded to Ms. Donna Schiller as Membership roster will be needed to compile 2019-2020 Yearbook.

Programs: Ms. Anne Nicholas and Maureen Lyons have done a fabulous job with this seasons' programs. Ms. Barbara McCarty and Sandra Clendenen are working on the Program selections for next season.

Children's Workshop: Ms. Picciotto will be joined by Ms. Ann Schulke to plan next seasons' events.

Board Meeting: The last meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, May 21st at 6:30 p.m. at the Fogg Library.

Scholarship Presentations: Two Weymouth High School students have been awarded the WGC scholarships this year: Mr. Nicholas Abbott and Stephen Yu. Congratulations in their future endeavors.

Library Arrangements: Sign-up sheet is available for volunteers. Be sure to maintain the arrangement throughout the month.

Art in Bloom: Ms. Michelle Cappellini shared her experience during this event and circulated photos of the exhibit. Any member interested in future program should contact Ms. Picciotto.

A brief adjournment at 10:30 a.m. for refreshments and raffle.

Meeting called back to order at 10:45 a.m.

Installation of Officers: Ms. Andrea Ross officiated the installation of officers. Many thanks to our departing officers, Ms. Mary Trentin and Mr. Jordan Bagarolo. Returning officers include Ms. Picciotto, DeTellis and Nichols and newly elected members: Ms. Anne Nicholas as Vice-President and Ms. Lisa Kimball as Corresponding Secretary.

Plant Sale: Ms. Suzanne Sullivan went over the following items for the upcoming event:

The extended weather forecast is favorable.

Sign up sheets were circulated for Members to confirm their assignments.

Set-up is Friday evening from 4-7 p.m. Members should bring at least 10 plants labeled and ready for pricing. Pricing will again be \$1, \$3 and \$5 for most plants.

Members can purchase 1 plant on Friday and 1 plant on Saturday before the Sale. Purchased plants must be placed in Members' car prior to sale start.

Saturday set-up will start at 6 AM. Refreshments will be provided. Members are also encouraged to bring baked goods if they wish.

Day of sale, members will help, if needed, getting purchased plants to buyer's cars. Watering of plants may also be needed. Pink WGC shirt or logo patch to be worn.

Be certain to label tables, wagons and/or tents with member name to avoid confusion at conclusion of event.

Ms. Picciotto encouraged members to visit GCFM website for programs of interest. WGC can sponsor a program though Members will be requested to make a presentation of the program to the Club. Any member with garden related talents can contact Ms. Picciotto for possible inclusion in future WGC programs.

Raffle winners were drawn then meeting was adjourned at 11:27 a.m. EDT

Respectfully submitted,

Anne Nichols

Anne Nichols, Secretary

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