



Weymouth Garden Club

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WEYMOUTH GARDEN CLUB (“WGC”)

MEMBER MEETING

DATE: October 10, 2020

The WGC Zoom meeting was called to order at 9:32 a.m. EST, by Ms. Yoshie Picciotto, President via Zoom to mitigate the COVID-19 risk to our members and follow State mandates about group gatherings. The President welcomed all members to the meeting. There were 24 members in attendance.

Invocation: Given by Ms. Anne Nicholas

“Seek to understand what draws you to the garden. You may discover greater rewards than the blue ribbons awarded for the biggest pumpkin or the best preserves. You may find the garden becomes a teacher and crop ‘failures’ become lessons learned. However big or small your garden is, if you allow nature to touch your spirit, gardening will bring returns of peace, satisfaction, and well-being for as long as you continue to wander the garden path.”

By Norman H. Hansen, The Worth of Gardening

Secretary’s Report: Ms. Anne Nichols reported that the minutes to the March through May 2020 member meeting is posted to the WGC website. Thank you to Ms. Martha Slocum for making that possible.

Treasurer’s Report: Ms. Karen DeTellis gave an accounting of funds on hand.

October Newsletter: Ms. Lisa Kimball sent October newsletter to Members as well as many informative gardening articles. Be sure to check your inboxes often for valuable information.

Garden Club Federation of Massachusetts (GCFM): The Federation has cancelled all in-person classes. Check GCFM.org website for happenings.

Membership: Ms. Picciotto is compiling the Membership booklet. Currently we have 60 members. Ms. Barbara McCarty is getting programs lined up, waiting for speakers to confirm. When booklet is completed, members can pick up at Ms. Donna Schiller’s house.

Publicity: Ms. June Fulton has pictures of Club happenings, including Member names which she has provided to Weymouth News for possible publication.

Pennies for Pines: Ms. Picciotto has certificates for the WGC contributions for Ms. Jane Meehan and Ms. Alice Fulton, mother of Ms. June Fulton. These will be presented later. The on-going program will now enable the donation to designate a state but does not specify the space. Donation details will be provided during subsequent meetings.

Scholarships: Thank you notes from the 3 Scholarship recipients were read by Ms. Picciotto. Future scholarships to be determined.

Committees:

Books-in-Bloom and Children's Workshop are currently on hold due to restrictions.

Donations: Weymouth Teen Center will gladly accept Christmas donations. Ms. Mayre Hammond will organize the "Wish List" for Members to choose from.

Field Trips: Suggestions to visit local nature locations with Members meeting at the site was brought up. Webb Park and Weymouth Paths were couple of suggested options.

Garden Therapy, Helping Hands, Holiday Luncheon and Hospitality, Library Arrangements and Thyme for Iris and Oak are on hold due to restrictions.

WGC 90th Anniversary: Our celebration may be postponed from Spring 2021.

Programs: Ms. McCarty has been in touch with presenters capable of providing a Zoom program. Potential for January – Art Scarpa "Winter Houseplants" and February – Rebecca Warner "Four Easy Steps to Earth Friendly Gardening". Any Members who would be interested in displaying garden themed talents for future meeting can contact Ms. McCarty.

Beautification: Ms. Suzanne Sullivan is expecting shipment of 500 bulbs. Need to distribute to teams for planting in October. Possible locations are Town Fire Stations and High School. Thank you to Mr. Rich LaPierre and Mr. Roy Hansen for their continued efforts in maintaining Abigail Adams Green. Appreciation to the Members who participated at last week's clean-up.

November Meeting, planned for 11/14/20 is typically devoted to bow making for the Wreath Sale. Suggestions for alternate Zoom meeting include decorating Holiday centerpiece and interested members demonstrating their talents with a Show and Tell segment. Details will follow.

Committee will be formed to discuss Wreath Sale logistics – greens drop off and decorating options.

Members gave insight on their gardening successes this season and recommended a local Nursery who are extremely helpful for all your gardening needs.

Nominating Committee of 5 Members will be formed in January in anticipation of Board elections that will take place next year.

Next Zoom board meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, 10/27 at 6:30 EST.

Meeting concluded at 11:06 am.

Anne Nichols, Secretary

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