

Weymouth Garden Club

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WEYMOUTH GARDEN CLUB ("WGC")

MEMBER MEETING

DATE: September 8, 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 and informed the Club that we have 11 new members this year.

The President reminded members to review their information in the 2018-19 Yearbook for accuracy.

There were 44 members present at this meeting.

Invocation: was written and given by Mr. Jordan Bagarolo -

Though seasons may both come and go

From warm sunny days to icy wind and snow

A time for old friendships and new ones to start

Is always forever in the Season of Heart.

<u>Secretary's Report</u>: Ms. Anne Nichols stated that the approved minutes to the May Member meeting are posted on the WGC website.

<u>Treasurer's Report</u>: Ms. Karen DeTellis gave an accounting of the funds on hand as well as the final amount collected at the Plant Sale.

<u>Corresponding Secretary</u>: Ms. Mary Trentin reminded members to provide any updates to their email addresses, etc. to ensure everyone receives WGC announcements and notices.

Garden Club Federation of Massachusetts ("GCFM"): Ms. Picciotto provided information for upcoming events including the Fall Conference scheduled for October 24th. Any member interested in attending the Fall Conference or other Educational events should contact Ms. Picciotto as the Club will consider paying for the event with the stipulation that the member will share information at monthly meeting. Members are encouraged to visit website <gcfm.org> for a full listing of events.

Our "Welcome Back" meeting continued with each member introducing themselves with an opportunity to share items of interest which included:

10/8 - Blue Grass Band concert will be held at Holy Nativity Church.

Old South Church will have a garden for benefit of Weymouth Food Bank.

Important dates before our October meeting include:

- Walk for Hope & Recovery on 9/22. This town wide walk of 1.5 miles is sponsored by the Substance Abuse and Prevention team. Further details can be accessed on following site: https://www.weymouth.ma.us/substance-abuse-prevention-team
- Abigail Adam's Green clean-up on 9/29. All members are encouraged to participate.
 Refreshments are also welcome from members unable to participate in the clean-up.

Ms. Picciotto announced WGC was awarded first place for Media from National Garden Club Federation. Congratulations to Mses. Michelle Cappellini and June Fulton for their dedication and creativity.

Ms. Picciotto gave brief overviews of WGC participation with the Children's Workshop, Garden Therapy with Pope Nursing Home residents and involvement with a new town endeavor "Thyme for Iris and Oak" sharing Courage, hope and wisdom with the Town's Substance Abuse efforts.

Brief adjournment for refreshments and raffle tickets purchase. Meeting called back to order at 11:15.

Mses. Charlotte Delaney and Mayre Hammond officiated the raffle drawings.

Ms. Picciotto informed members the October 13th meeting will commence with the Speaker presentation at 9:45 and business meeting will follow.

<u>The Pumpkin Give-a-Wey</u> will take place from noon to 4PM on October 13th as well. All members are encouraged to participate.

<u>Tufts Library Floral Arrangement</u> volunteer sign-up sheet circulated. Ms. Picciotto requesting 2 members participate per month. The guideline sheet will be provided to members and a reminder will be sent each month.

<u>Field trips</u>: The October 20th field trip to A. D. Makepeace Company is a one hour cranberry bog tour. The cost is \$15 per person and reservations must be made in advance. Interested members should contact Ms. Anne Nicholas.

The meeting was adjourned at: 11:30 a.m. ET.

Respectfully submitted.

Anne Nichols

Anne Nichols, Secretary