

Minutes of the Sudbury Garden Club Board Meeting

November 17, 2021

Barbara Fay's Home

Attendance

Barbara Baumgardner, Joanne Bennett, Ann Boland, Pat Drobinski, Barbara Fay, Jo Ann Forester, Marilyn Hodges, Beth Iosua, Leslie Lowe, Lynn Noland, Patti Walch

Secretary's Report

A motion was made and seconded to approve the minutes of the October 27th board meeting. All were in favor.

Treasurer's Report

November's treasurer's report was unofficial as the treasurer was not present. The proceeds from the silver plate collection totaled \$806. One-hundred seventy-five dollars was used for gift cards for Thanksgiving and \$631 will be given to families for the December holidays.

Community Outreach

The Community Outreach Committee will host a workshop to make Thanksgiving bouquets for Meals on Wheels on Tuesday, November 23rd, at 9:00 am at the Senior Center.

After discussion, the Board decided not to contribute a holiday wreath to the Historical Society's fundraiser as this expense is not in this year's budget.

Holiday Events Update

Holiday party: Twenty members have signed up for the holiday party. The party organizers need to know how many members are attending by Tuesday, November 23rd. Since it appears that emailed information does not reach several members (e.g., not received, goes to spam, isn't opened), membership will call new members that haven't signed up for the holiday party. Other holiday party details include: one/half sheet cake will be ordered from Concord Tea Cakes for dessert (cost: \$100), we will pick names to win the Boxwood trees table centerpieces, and Carol Shapanka will provide an arrangement for the main table. There will not be a business meeting; however, the new president's, treasurer's, and membership's emails and January's program will be announced.

Wayside Inn: The SGC decorates many of the Wayside Inn's rooms for the holidays. A suggestion was made to open the decorating to other clubs, such as the Thursday Garden Club and the Natick Garden Club. Since the decorating is occurring soon, the plan will remain the same for this year. Next year's plan will be discussed during the January Board meeting.

Boxwood Workshop: Plans and preparations are complete for the Boxwood Workshop on Thursday, December 2nd at 9:30 at the Senior Center.

Art Shows

Worcester Art Show/Flora in Winter: The theme of the Worcester Art Show is "Love Stories through History."

Fitchburg Art in Bloom: The signup for Art in Bloom at the Fitchburg Art Museum is in February.

Information pertaining to these events will be included in the February Grapevine.

New Emails

There are new email addresses for the co-presidents, membership, and treasurer. We pay for these through Wix. Ann brought up a non-profit option. Jo Ann will write an article for the Grapevine to inform our members and encourage them to use the new emails.

Membership

The Board decided to assign mentors to new members. The mentor will reach out to welcome the member, confirm that emails are received, invite the member to events, and be a resource for information.

A new member may assume responsibility for arranging garden treks, although her busy schedule may not allow it.

A member has had a health event and members will be encouraged to send cards.

GCFM

There was a lot of information covered in the last GCFM meeting, which was run by Lynn Noland. A three-part series on membership is being offered. The theme is inclusion and diversity. Lynn is going to send out a bulletin once a month with a short synopsis of GCFM items that will then go in the Grapevine.

January meetings/events

General Meeting The January meeting will be a Zoom meeting featuring Maria Von Brinkin. Barbara Fay will publicize the meeting in the Town Crier and invite the public. Leslie will commence the Zoom call with Maria at 9:00 am. From 9:30-10:00 members will be invited to socialize. The business meeting will occur from 10:00-10:30, with the public invited at 10:30 when Maria will begin the program. Janelle will get Maria a gift card as she is a member of the club and is not charging a fee for her presentation.

Flower Workshop Juju is planning a flower arranging workshop in January to take place at "Persephone," the new flower shop in Sudbury. The cost is projected to be about \$45.

The Grapevine deadline is Monday, November 22.

February General Meeting We will discuss the chair set up and whether to have food at the January Board Meeting, which will be at Helen Crary's home.

The meeting adjourned at 11:21 am.

Beth Iosua and Pat Drobinski
Co-secretaries