

November Board Meeting Minutes
November 29, 2023
Pat Drobinski's Home

Attendance

Ann Boland, Pat Drobinski, Barbara Fay, Jo Ann Forester, Marilyn Hodges, Mike Hunter, Beth Iosua, Diane Kaplan, Janelle Landrigan, Juju Lem Pang, Leslie Lowe, Tricia McCann, Connie Sanchez Morillo, Lynn Noland, Carol Shapanka

Secretary's Report

A motion was made and seconded to accept the secretary's report dated October 25th, 2023. All were in favor.

Treasure's Report

A motion was made and seconded to accept the treasurer's report. All were in favor.

Board Meeting

There will be no board meeting in December.

The next board meeting will be at Helen Crary's home, January 24 at 9 am.

Holiday Updates

Jo Ann updated the Board on the holiday decorating at the Wayside Inn. She talked about the decorations of the table top tree and wreath to commemorate the 50th golden anniversary of the Holiday Wayside Inn. There was a Boston Globe interview and Sudbury Cable TV coverage. The interview may be in the Boston Globe magazine. The Club needs to get the SGC's involvement in decorating the Wayside Inn into the Mayflower (the GCFM's newsletter). The Natick Garden Club took responsibility for the Innkeepers room and were very happy about it.

Takedown of the Wayside Inn decorations will be on Tuesday, January 9, 2024 at 7:30 am or at a time determined by the room's coordinator. Everything must be down and packed by 11:30 am.

Silver Plate

Janelle informed the attendees that the Club collected \$1185 for the silver plate. Sara is selecting three families to be the recipients of the donations.

Civic Beautification

Heather's request for some items for the butterfly garden was discussed. Janelle will donate a birdbath. Patti did the Heritage Park fall cleanup by herself. The 117 island had another vehicle drive through it and do damage. The entire island will have to be redone next year. The costs should be covered by insurance. Pat D will follow up.

Community Outreach

The Thanksgiving arrangements prepared on November 21st went to Meals On Wheels. The December 6 location of the boxwood arrangements and tree decorating workshop has been changed from the MCC to the Sudbury Senior Center. Recipients for the 50 arrangements will be the Sudbury Pines Nursing Home. Members are invited to Patti's home on November 5th

from 3:30-4:30 to cut the boxwoods. The Boxwood Workshop will be on Wednesday, 12/6 from 9:30-11:30 am at the Senior Center.

Gathering of the Green Thumbs --December Lunch Date

The Gathering of the Green Thumbs will be on Friday, December 8 at 12:30 at The Colonial Inn, 48 Monument SQ., Concord. Members who wish to attend should RSVP to Barbara Fay.

Holiday Party - Home For The Holidays

Twenty-three members have signed up via the sign-up genius to contribute to the holiday party at Meredith Cabarrus's home on Wednesday, December 13th from 4 to 6 pm. There are currently no volunteers to provide flowers or help with clean up. (Jo Ann & Ann will help board members sign up if they are having technical difficulties.)

Carol talked to David from Karma coffee about supplying coffee for the general meetings. A motion was made and approved to have Carol follow up.

Governance

The Board is proposing a change in the wording under Policies and Procedures Number 4. This has been tabled until the January board meeting.

Publicity

Barbara Fay will update the list of programs posted on Sudbury TV.

Membership

One new member has signed up.

Website/Yearbook

The following correction will be made in the yearbook: Page 2: District Director Nancy Riggs' email address is in the yearbook as sriggs1@gmail.com. It should be nriggs1@gmail.com. Ann will have Kaffee change it.

Co Secretaries should send the monthly board meeting minutes that have been passed to Kaffee so she can update the Board Meetings 2023-2024 section under Members Only.

Plant Sale

Leslie conducts monthly plant sale meetings. Leslie talked about the using the pool of talent in the Club for plant sale tasks. The committee is identifying local businesses who would allow the Club to put up signs. Sponsorships are also being considered. Lynn will check with the Federation to see if sponsorships are allowed for a 5013C organization.

Programs

The January 10, 2024 general meeting will be an evening program via Zoom at 7 pm entitled "The Heirloom Gardener - Traditional Plants and Skills," presented by John Forti. The Thursday Garden Club has been invited to join us. The SGC will be in charge of the zoom and will not have a business meeting prior to the presentation.

Color Me Floral Workshops

Beverly Mason from Russell's will conduct the January pop up workshop on January 17, from 10-12 at the MCC. The initial charge was \$70 but Juju got Beverly to agree to \$45 per person

with a twelve person maximum. Juju has bought vases and is checking out Frugal Flowers for a future workshop.

WAM, AIB/MFA

WAM-SGC was not selected to interpret an artwork for a floral arrangement. Rather, SGC was selected to do a floral arrangement in a public space.

Registration for Art In Bloom at the MFA was November 27, 2023. The museum will let the Club know at the end of November whether we can participate.

Carol and Juju would like to be mentors for members that would like to participate in the Fitchburg Art Museum's show.

GCFM - Update

Three of the GCFM leadership, Marjorie Dienhart, President, Nancy Riggs, District Director, and Kim Edwards, GCFM 1st Vice President were invited to view the finished Wayside Inn decorations and join the clubs for lunch. The representatives enjoyed the lunch and were very impressed with the decorations and the coordination of the clubs. They remarked that there are not many clubs (or any?) doing projects of this scale. Jo Ann will invite all the presidents to a meeting.

Sunshine Committee

The committee provided an update on a member who fell at the ornament workshop. A card was sent and a member brought a gluten free dessert, both of which were much appreciated. A boxwood tree will also be sent.

Cards were sent a member whose husband was hit by a car and another who had shingles.

Lynn said the Club needs to get a permit from our insurance company for alcohol if it is to be served. Lynn and Janelle will look into the insurance questions that were voiced at the meeting.

Other

Juju and Janelle sent an email to the rail trail coordinator expressing SGC's interest in installing a bench but has not yet received a response.

When using the Paypal app, the SGC can be named as the charitable organization and Paypal will donate \$1.00 to the SCG. The board is considering whether a short notice in the Grapevine to make members aware of this would be appropriate.

Lincoln-Sudbury adult education has requested that Jo Ann present a flower arranging workshop (Flower arranging for a cause) on April 2. The arrangements will go to Orchard Hill.

The meeting adjourned at 11:20.

Co-Secretaries Sally Gaburo and Beth Iosua