



Weymouth Garden Club

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WEYMOUTH GARDEN CLUB (“WGC”)

MEMBER MEETING

DATE: April 8, 2023

The WGC meeting was called to order at 9:30 a.m. by Anne Nicholas, President.

Invocation: Read by Libby McDonald

The First Dandelion

Simple and fresh and fair from winter’s close emerging,
As if no artifice of fashion, business, politics, had ever been,
Forth from its sunny nook of shelter’d grass – innocent, golden,
 calm as the dawn,
The spring’s first dandelion shows its trustful face.

Recording Secretary

The March meeting minutes will be voted on at the May meeting.

Treasurer’s Report

The club finished this year with 71 members. The goal for next year is 75 active members to support the planned activities and projects.

The club donated \$3,000 to the Town of Weymouth Scholarship Fund for two \$1,500 scholarships to be awarded to recipients studying botany, environmental sciences, landscape design or associated areas of study.

Money donated to the Scholarship Fund by the club was raised at last year’s plant sale. Money raised at the plant sale also covers educational programs at the club’s monthly meetings. This year’s plant sale will be held on Saturday, May 20th and we hope to raise sufficient funds to support next year’s programs and scholarship donations.

This fiscal year will end on June 30. Membership dues for next year will remain at \$40 and have not increased in more than 5 years – no inflation!

Election of Officers

Elections were held at today's meeting for president, vice president and corresponding secretary. Running for office were:

Lisa Kimball, president

Charlotte Nichols, vice president

Terry Harrison, corresponding secretary

Since each of the nominees ran unopposed, Donna S., as recording secretary, cast a vote for the entire slate.

Membership

Membership is now 71 individuals. Dues for next year can be mailed to Phyllis McCormack.

Town Beautification

Please take pictures of daffodils around town and send them to Michelle C. for WGC Facebook page.

Projects to be undertaken have been presented to the mayor's office for approval.

Donna S. has volunteered for trough planting at AAG.

MFA Art in Bloom

Terry H. and Charlotte D. are representing WGC. Arrangements can be viewed at the museum from April 28 to May 1.

Donations

The total of the collection for the Weymouth Food Pantry was \$2,365.

Plant Sale, May 20

Please drop off plants at the DPW on May 19, from 4-6 pm. Set up on May 20 begins at 6:30 am. We need a source for tomato plants, other vegetables and herbs. Each member is expected to contribute at least 10 plants to the sale.

Please consider donating gently used garden tools and other garden items.

Michelle C. designed and printed the flyer.

Signs will go up around town on May 6.

Mary Hammond and other master gardeners will be available to answer questions and do soil testing.

Penny Pines

We continue to collect for Penny Pines. About \$41 has been collected so far. We need to reach \$68 to purchase an acre of land.

Library Luncheon

The lunch was a big hit. We received a thank you note from the library. There was also a thank you posted on the Weymouth Library Facebook page.

Weymouth Town Clean-up

The clean-up is scheduled for April 22 (Earth Day) from 9 am – 12 pm. The garden club will be meeting and working at Abigail Adams Green. Please bring bags, pruners, rakes, etc. Following the cleanup, there will be a luncheon provided by the town at King Oak Park.

Meeting Program

Jonathan Belber of Holly Hill Farms spoke about organic gardening practices and answered members' questions.

Submitted by Donna Schiller, Recording Secretary