



Weymouth Garden Club

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WEYMOUTH GARDEN CLUB (“WGC”)

MEMBER MEETING

DATE: February 11, 2023

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

Invocation: Read by Libby McDonald

The Door of Spring

How shall we open the door of Spring
That Winter is holding wearily shut?
Though winds are calling and water brawling,
And snow decaying and light delaying,
Yet will it not move its yielding rut
And back on its flowery hinges swing,
Till wings are flapping
And woodpeckers tapping
With sharp, clear rapping
At the door of Spring.

How shall we fasten the door of Spring?
Wide, so wide that it cannot close?
Though buds are filling, and frogs are trilling,
And violets breaking and grass awaking,
Yet doubtfully back and forth it blows
Till come the birds, and the woodlands ring
With sharp beak stammer –
The sudden clamor
Of the woodpecker’s hammer
At the door of Spring.

Ethelwyn Wetherald

Recording Secretary

The January general meeting minutes were approved.

Treasurer’s Report

Carole J. gave an accounting of club funds. She reported that we have a 13% increase in cash from the prior year.

Election of Officers

The terms of our President, Vice President, and Corresponding Secretary are coming to a close. A nomination committee is being formed to seek replacements. Lisa Kimball was selected to chair the committee by the Anne Nicholas, as President. Yoshie Picciotti and Suzanne Sullivan volunteered from the Board. Two additional volunteers are needed from the membership.

Membership

Membership is now at 71 individuals.

Books in Bloom

Michelle C. gave a recap of Books in Bloom. There were 46 floral displays. We had visitors from several garden clubs. Michelle is thinking about changes she thinks will improve the event next year, such as pamphlets and a list of flowers used in each display. She also thinking about increasing the number of bookmarks, since they proved very popular.

Town Beautification

Suzanne S. asked for members with ideas for town beautification join the beautification committee. There was a signup sheet for those wanting to join.

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

Andrea R. collected members' donations for the Weymouth Food Pantry. Andrea will take donations through March.

Library Arrangements

Michelle C. reported that with a few exceptions, all openings have been filled.

Plant Sale, May 20

Vegetables and herbs are needed. Each member is expected to contribute at least 10 plants to the sale. Pots should be clean and in good shape. Members can also consider donating gently used garden equipment.

Children's Workshop

Yoshie P. expects the next workshop to be sometime in the spring.

Field Trip

Alice D. announced that there will be a field trip for members to the Lyman Estate greenhouse on Thursday, February 23rd. Carpooling is encouraged. Members should meet at Ocean State Job Lot at 10 am.

Penny Pines

Collections for Penny Pines will begin in March.

Meeting Program

Speaker, Pam Denholm, of the Weymouth Food Pantry, had a plethora of information about growing vegetables, seeds, composting, as well as many other tips for gardening.

At the meeting, there was also a seed swap for members.

Submitted by Donna Schiller, Recording Secretary