

**WILLIAMSTOWN GARDEN CLUB  
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING  
Monday, October 31, 2022 at 3:00 p.m.  
Milne Public Library Board Room**

<h2 style="margin:0">MINUTES</h2>
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- A. CALL MEETING TO ORDER: The meeting was called to order at 3:03 p.m.
- B. CONFIRM QUORUM: A quorum was present: Maria Siskind, Karen Pellegrini, MJ Downing, Betty Iannitelli, Elaine Neely, Kathy McKnight, Denny Meneghelli, Joan Wright, Marilyn Faulkner, Karen Parker. Excused: Susan Montiel.
- C. APPROVE MINUTES: Minutes from 9/29/22 Board Meeting were approved.
- D. REPORTS:
1. President's Report (Maria Siskind):
    - a) Welcome to new Board members!
    - b) Reflections on Annual Meeting, fine work of nominating committee in identifying Slate of Nominees, Committee Heads and Committee members. Gratifying response from membership!!
    - c) Outstanding participation from new members in club leadership.
    - d) Excellence of reports from Board Members
    - e) Thanks to Susan for PowerPoint
    - f) Outstanding potluck; thanks
    - g) Fine celebration of generations of membership and enjoyment of one another
    - h) Hopes for the coming year: possible cooperation with Bee Friendly and with the Zilkha Center at Williams.
    - i) A brief discussion was held regarding the President's ability to make changes in Executive Board Committee Chairs post Annual Meeting.
  2. Membership Report (Kathy McKnight):
    - a) Steven Dankner is a new member, interested in houseplants.
    - b) The membership brochure is being updated at the Print Shop, including new photos. It will be distributed at realtors' offices, the Penny Social in the Lasell Gym, the information booth by Tunnel City and at the fall Plant Sale, as well at all general meetings for interested guests.
    - c) Kathy will organize tabling at the Penny Social and Betty will supply an arrangement for the auction.
  3. Treasurer's Report (Marilyn Faulkner):
    - a) Checking: \$8,389.97, MMA \$967.90.

- b) Marilyn also supplied income and expenses by category.
- c) Members may reserve and pay \$30 for the Holiday Luncheon at the November 8 monthly meeting or by mail. Annual dues will be collected at the Holiday Luncheon or by mail. Separate checks are required.
- 4. Corresponding Secretary Report (Joan Wright):
  - a) Flower arrangement sent to Judy Edwards upon the recent death of her husband, Keith. Joan asked those who know Judy well to write a note of support.
- 5. Programs Committee Report (Karen Pellegrini):
  - a) The Holiday Luncheon buffet will be held at Gramercy Bistro. Due to limited seating the luncheon will be for members only.
  - b) November 8 monthly meeting and program lecture at Sheep Hill is all set.
  - c) Katie Lanoue has the Greens Workshop well in hand for Dec. 6 at the Harper Center. Centerpieces for Holiday Luncheon this year will be provided by Gramercy Bistro.
- 6. 90<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Planning (Karen Pellegrini):
  - a) On October 21 the Preliminary Planning Committee submitted a report of its October 19 meeting to President Siskind. The committee had voted unanimously to focus on the green in front of the Masonic Lodge, recommended close consultation with the Town and presented all original project ideas and a story board for the use of the next committee.
  - b) MJ Downing was named Chair of the 90<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Planning Committee.
  - c) General Board discussion indicated a possible expenditure of about \$25,000 depending on the project. The 90<sup>th</sup> Anniversary project will be subject to the usual Board approval process.
- 7. Civic Beautification:
  - a) Annuals – Denny Meneghelli reported. She is assisted by Margo Melito and Louise Rutland, with Melanie Mowinski to join at planting time. Rather than a unified planting scheme, different plants and colors will be chosen for different locations. Request was made that annuals be planted at the Town Hall sign.
  - b) Field Park – Elaine Neely reported. Town employees removed leaves for us this year, as they were already working in the vicinity. Work is now completed for the season.

#### E. UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

- 1. Additional discussion of separating Membership from Outreach. We expect to participate in Farmer's Market or Hay Days when member interest allows.
- 2. President requested that only she and Treasurer pick up mail at the P.O Box.
- 3. Investigate whether Club budget can be seen on the web without username and password.
- 4. Make sure the website event calendar is accessible to members only, that house tour and meeting locations are not viewable by the public, and exercise vigilance regarding possible privacy leaks.

F. NEW BUSINESS: none

G. NEXT MEETING DATE: None has been set at this time

1. Reminder of upcoming dates and events:

- a) “From Garden to Table”, Darra Goldstein, coordinated by Linda Conway. Tuesday, November 8, 1:00 pm at Rural Lands Foundation.
- b) Holiday Greens Workshop, coordinated by Katie Lanoue. Tuesday, December 6, 1:00 p.m. at the Harper Center.
- c) Holiday Luncheon, coordinated by Karen Pellegrini and Linda Conway, on Tuesday, December 13 at Gramercy Bistro

H. ADJOURNMENT: The meeting was adjourned at approximately 4:35 p.m.

Submitted by  
Karen Parker, Recording Secretary

Approved 2/27/2023