**FAIRBANKS GARDEN CLUB LUNCHEON MEETING OF 12-14-16**

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The annual Christmas Luncheon was attended by 39 FGC members and Leslie Griesmer, Business Manager, The Fairbanks House. It was held at the beautiful Old Colonial Restaurant in Norwood Ma. The meeting was called to order at 11:35AM by Co-President Christine Page.

Christine P. welcomed all to the annual luncheon and conveyed the thanks of the FGC to FGC member Palma Coccia and her family for the use of the lovely venue and the wonderful luncheon food.

Last month’s centerpiece workshop was enjoyed by many members and the centerpieces that each created were beautiful. Thank you, Annette E., Joan H., and Carol C.

Christine P. shared with the FGC members that the Board voted on the 50/50 opportunities drawings to start in February.

Christine P. also mentioned the regrettable situation at the last luncheon meeting and that the Board has discussed how to do better by:

* Adhering to Parliamentary Procedures at all meetings.
* Give all members an opportunity to voice their opinion.

Christine P. stressed that above all, we are friends and care about each other and have a mutual love for all things gardening and nature and that is what connects us.

**Item #1 Marion Kirohn, Nominating Comm.**

Marion K. introduced herself and the Nominating Comm. members, Alice Ungethuem and Annette O’Shea. The Nominating Comm. will have their first meeting in January 2017 and they will be discussing the many Committee Chair openings the FGC will have. Marion stressed how important it is for everyone to consider a committee they might feel comfortable in chairing. Marion stated that it is very important for new members to step up and share their talents by chairing a committee or be on a committee team. FGC will be in need of a Plant Sale Chair, a Co-President, Corresponding Secretary, Hospitality Chair, and Program/Workshop Co-Chair. The Nominating Comm.will be looking to the preference sheets where FGC members can help. Marion again stressed that FGC needs every members’ help.

**Item #2 Loretta Larraga, Website/Yearbook Committee RE.: By-Laws updates**

The by-laws have been updated and streamlined. The Board will be voting on these updates / changes/corrections. As soon as the Board votes on the bylaws they will be sent out to all members via email. Please read them carefully, so that you can be comfortable with your vote. If you have questions with anything that you see in the bylaws, please voice your questions or concerns. Where changes/updates/corrections have been made they will be noted for you to see.

Business meeting adjourned.

**Item #3 Luncheon**

At this time a very delicious luncheon was served followed by a fun Yankee Swap, overseen by Annette O’Shea and Mary Joyce. Many lovely gifts were swapped around and around with much fun, fellowship and good humor.

Minutes respectfully submitted by

Rose M. Favret, FGC Recording Secretary