**FAIRBANKS GARDEN CLUB LUNCHEON MEETING OF 3/22/2017**

The Fairbanks Garden Club luncheon meeting of 3/22/17 gathered at 11:30am with 30 members and 1 guest in attendance. All members enjoyed a wonderful luncheon hosted by Gail Palmer and the March hospitality committee. The beautiful centerpieces were provided by Judy Massey. We did not have a program speaker at this meeting so much of the time was spent socializing with our many friends. We all swapped gardening tips and talked about how the weather has impacted our gardens and how we are all waiting for spring to arrive. Thanks to Carol Cook for suggesting this impromptu meeting.

Co-president, Annette Eddy, opened the business portion of the meeting at 12:45pm.

**Item #1 Metro annual Meeting & Luncheon**

Annette E. mentioned that the Metro Annual Meeting and Luncheon will be held at Wellesley Country Club on Thursday, April 13, 2017. Cost is $40.00 per member with checks made out to the FGC. Our treasurers need the checks by 4/1/17 if you plan to attend.

**Item #2 Bylaws review committee**

Loretta L. has communicated that the Bylaws are done and ready to be voted on by the board on 4/11/17. The bylaws will then be emailed out to all members on 4/12/17. On 4/19/17 the new bylaws will be presented and discussed at this luncheon. On 5/24/17 these bylaws will be voted on. On 5/24/17 this vote will require 2/3 voting members present.

**Item #3 Plant sale raffle items**

Annette E. showed pictures of the items we will be raffling off at the plant sale. They are, a basket made out of garden hose and filled with gardening tools and garden items and a chair made into a planter. Annette E. passed around a sheet with items for members to donate for the basket.

**Item #4 May Annual Meeting**

Annette E. reminded us to bring our money at the April meeting to pay for our lunch for the May annual meeting being held at the old Colonial in Norwood.

**Item #5 Plant Sale**

Carol Dixon, this year’s Plant Sale Chair, spoke about the 2/22/17 plant sale meeting. Much organization is under way, the March To Do List is:

* Save the date 5/20/17 at the Fairbanks House with all hands on deck at 7am
* Sale begins at 9am and goes to 12 noon (no early birds please)
* This is our major fund raiser and we are there to help people purchase the right plants and teach them
* Publicity is key, spread the word to everyone you know.
* Pots are at Alice’s garage
* Check at cemeteries for pots

Many thanks to Jane C. for getting the new signs at a wonderful price and Marion K. for storing the old signs. Big thank you to Dedham Savings for the grant money. New signs and flyers will be available at the April meeting. Saroj J. and Barbara G. volunteered to keep track of the distributed signs.

Carol D. stressed that the plants are the heart of our sale. What do we have in our gardens that we can contribute to the sale? We need all types of plants, house plants, shrubs, trees, perennials, annuals, ground cover and succulents.

Jane C. brought in a wonderful, portable hot house that she purchased at a local Job Lot and that she has started from seeds plants that are already on their way to being beautiful. Ellen D. stated that the Greenhouse has bench space for rent for anyone that needs a place to start their plants.

Meeting adjourned at 1:15pm

Minutes respectfully submitted by,

Rose M. Favret, FGC Recording Secretary