**FAIRBANKS GARDEN CLUB LUNCHEON MEETING OF 4/19/17**

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The members of the Fairbanks Garden Club gathered at 11:30am on 4/19/17 with 36 members in attendance.

A wonderful luncheon was presented by the April Hospitality Comm. Hosted was Lisa Brayton, and her wonderful committee of Palma Coccia,**\*\*\*** Kathy Floyd, and Nancy D’Attilio and **\*\*\***Jeanette Evans . The food was shared as was the wonderful company and friendships.

Christine Page, Co-President, opened the business portion of the meeting at 12:15pm. Welcome to all.

**Item #1 Acceptance of the 3/22/17 luncheon minutes.**

Rose Favret, Recording Secretary, asked that the minutes be accepted—yes.

**Item #2 Metro Annual Meeting and Luncheon**

Christine P. shared that 13 FGC members attended the Metro Luncheon on 4/13/17 at the Wellesley Country Club. There was a wonderful speaker for the Arnold Arboretum. At this luncheon, Annette O’Shea received FGC Unsung Hero Award. Christine stated that this was a very well deserved award and high-lighted Annette O’Shea’s dedication to the club, her great love for gardening, and her tireless work for the benefit of the FGC. Annette O thanked everyone for their kind words and that she was honored to receive the award.

Christine Also, reminded everyone to sign up for the FGC Annual Meeting and Luncheon on May 24, 2017 held at the Olde Colonial Rest. In Norwood, cost is $25.00.

**Item #3 Nominating Comm. members.**

Christine P. stated that 2 people are needed for the nominating committee and asked for people to consider volunteering to work on this committee.

**Item #4 Plant Sale and Fairbanks House Clean-up**

Carol Dixon, Chair, Garden Therapy/Horticulture, donned her many FGC hats and reminded us of the Fairbanks House flower beds clean up that is scheduled for 4/27/17 at 9:30am-11:30am with a rain date of 5/1/17. We will be planting new herbs, and digging up some hosta and doing general clean up. We need to bring our tools and a smile.

Carol now wearing her plant sale hat told us that the plant sale is in 31 days! This sale is so very important as our fundraiser and we need to get out there and advertise the sale to all. We have wonderful plants and wonderful bargains. We need all members to help and we need members’ plants

(***no*** ***invasive plants***). Pots are always needed and Alice Ungerthuem has pots stored in her garage. The plant sale is 5/20/17 with set up at 7am. The sale begins at 9am and ends at 12noon. All plants need to be labeled with type, color etc. and priced. Use a permanent marker and packing tape on label. Today we need to pick up our yard signs ***(do not throw them out at the end of the sale)***

**Item #5 Bylaws**

Loretta Larraga, Bylaws Comm. Chair thanked Alice U., Marilyn G. and the Board for all their help and patience with the bylaws. A special thank you to the Bylaws comm. members, Annette O. and Saroj J.

Loretta stated that the Bylaws Comm. has worked for almost a year in reviewing, revamping, and bringing the FGC bylaws up to date. The FGC bylaws are reviewed every 5 years. These bylaws have been stream-lined and the language has been brought up to present tense, redundancy has been eliminated and a no personal liability clause and non-discrimination clause have been added. Many board meetings have focused on the bylaws and how they could be improved for the club. Many hours by the Bylaw Comm. have taken place to bring the best piece of work possible to all the members to review. The copies of the new bylaws that you have today, 1 copy showing all changes and 1 copy as your clean copy will be voted to accept by FGC members at the May meeting. Loretta said that these bylaws are a living document and are subject to change as times change. The bylaws presented to you today highlight our vibrant club. The FGC guidelines are to be reviewed next. Anne Heller asked for some guidance regarding the tea cup comm.—Loretta stated the new guidelines will help.

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**Item #6 Slate of New Officers 2017-2018**

Jane Crandall, Corresponding Secretary, announced the slate of new officers for 2017-2019. These new officers will be voted on by FGC members at the May Luncheon meeting.

Marilyn Gosselin is the nominee for Corresponding Secretary. Jane C. asked for any other nominees for this position—Annette E. nominated Christine Page for Corresponding Secretary.—no other nominees came forward—nominations for Corresponding Secretary closed by Jane C. At this time Marion K. read a brief paragraph from Marilyn G. stating her 15 years of service to FGC and her many jobs and committees participation

**1.\*\*\***After Marion Kirohn spoke, Saroj J. raised her hand and asked to speak.  Christine P. told Saroj J., “No,” she could not speak at that time.  Saroj J. was told that she could speak at next month’s mtg., which will be in May, prior to the election of the Officers.

**2.\*\*\***Christine P. asked that this be entered into the minutes**:** Saroj asked if this was an appropriate time to comment on the election and /or candidates and Christine asked that it wait until our next meeting when elections are held.

* Christine P. stated of her desire to be more involved and to continue to be of help to FGC.
* Charlotte Pollock is the nominee for Co-President. Jane C. asked for any other nominees for this position to come forward or to be nominated from the floor. No other nominees for this position—Jane C. closed the nomination for Co-President.

**Item #7 New Member**

Mary Geary, Membership Chair, welcomed FGC new member, Susan Strouse. Susan was presented with a lovely plant by Mary G.

**Item #8 Programs and Workshops**

Annette O’Shea, Programs/workshops Co-chair, introduced Mary Joyce who will be FGC Programs/Workshops Chair at the upcoming term.

Mary stated that she is very happy to do the programs, and thanks everyone for their welcome and kindness. She attended the Elm Bank conference and met many speakers that are very anxious to come to the FGC with their programs.

**Item #9 Program: Shrub Pruning, Jenn Kettell, Horticulturist & Arborist**

Annette O. introduced this month’s speaker, Jenn Kettell. Jenn is a Massachusetts cert. horticulturist and an ISA cert. arborist. She has worked at Arnold Arboretum, and serves on the advisory comm. for M.B.Wakefield Estate and Norfolk Agricultural High School. She is the owner of Jenn Kettell, Horticulture Education and Consulting. The presentation of this program was very interesting, lively and fun. The focus was why do we pruning anyway? Jen told us how important it is to the plant/bush/tree to do healthy pruning. Pruning’s #1 reason is to maintain the plants health. It adds air circulation, trains young plants, improves the structure of older plants, removes hazards, enhances flowering and fruit, and highlights the beauty of the plant. Jenn also stressed the need to use the proper tools. Today, there are many tools out there but to make sure that whatever you use is comfortable for you. We learned where on the plant to make the proper cuts and how to identify what to cut (branch collar or bark ridge). We then headed outside to the Endicott Estate’s front yard and Jenn showed us how to prune several different small bushes. This was very informative and a good learning experience to be able to see a professional in action. Throughout the program, there were many questions for the speaker by the FGC members. All members seemed to enjoy the program and speaker and took away a lot of knowledge about pruning.

Minutes respectfully submitted by,

Rose M. Favret, FGC Recording Secretary