**FAIRBANKS GARDEN CLUB LUNCHEON MEETING OF 9/20/17**

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1. **Date correction, (2) info. correction (3) info. correction**

The members of the FGC gathered at 11:30AM with 39 members in attendance. A lovely luncheon was presented by the September Hospitality Comm. hosted by Carol Dixon and her comm. members of Anne Heller, Jeannette Evans,

Kathy Lynch, Ellen Donovan and a beautiful centerpiece courtesy of Priscilla Galberg. The luncheon was delicious and this being our first meeting of the season there was much socializing, with well wishes, hellos, and laughter.

**Item #1**

**Co-president, Charlotte Pollock**, opened the business portion of the meeting at **(1)**12:40PM. Charlotte thanked everyone for coming to our first meeting and she hopes all are excited as much as she is in learning Japanese flower arranging, one of our upcoming programs, as well as looking forward to all of our programs. Charlotte asked us to please browse the lovely garden books being sold for a donation to FGC. Charlotte thanked Co-president, Annette Eddy for coordinating the members’ participation at the Fairbanks Family Reunion held on 8/12/17. 10 FGC members volunteered to help at that event. 2 FGC members, Ellen Donovan and Lisa Brayton, were presented with awards for going above and beyond, tending the Al Blood garden and the Fairbanks House flower beds. Charlotte askes us to look at our website and go to the members’ area. This members’ area contains a lot of useful information such as bylaws, guidelines and committees. Check out the committees and see if there is anything that you might like to join. **(2)**There is information about the Federation and workshops, lectures and events that might be of interest. Charlotte mentioned the hazardous waste pick up on 10/14/17. This is something that affects us all. There is so much hazardous waste used in gardening products and this is a good time to look at what we are using and dispose of it safely. Charlotte will share a list of hazardous materials with us. There are some hibiscus seeds for anyone that would like some, and we will possibly have a seed exchange in the future.At this time Charlotte turned the meeting over to Co-president Annette Eddy.

**Item #2**

**Co-president, Ways and Means Chair, Annette Eddy**, thanked all the FGC members that helped out at the Fairbanks Family Reunion. It was a lovely day for all. Annette mentioned the hurricane victims’ donation jar on the sign in table; please help out if you can.

Annette then stated that the club needs money. The 50/50 opportunities drawing helps but it is not enough. She asked us to think of new ways/ideas for us to raise money for the club. Annette said that at the October luncheon there will be decorated pumpkins offered for $10.00 each. Roche Bros. has donated these pumpkins and Annette will have them decorated. She is looking for more pumpkins and asked that if we know of any store/market that would donate pumpkins to let her know. As part of today’s program, we will be making dish gardens to donate to area nursing homes.

**Item #3 Recording Secretary, Rose Favret**

Rose Favret, Recording Secretary, asked if there are any questions or corrections for the 5/24/17 luncheon minutes. None voiced, minutes accepted.

**Item #4 Co-Treasurers, Mary Devine-Bentz and Virginia Swanson**

FGC Co-treasurers, Mary Devine-Bentz and Virginia Swanson introduced themselves. Mary showed us the new expense form. This form is to be used for any expense reimbursements incurred by a chair/member for items purchased for FGC. This new form will be on the web-site. The co-treasurers stated that the annual treasurers report and treasurers report of 9/12/17 has been sent out to all. Many thanks to Sandy Siber and Saroj Joshi, past treasurers, for their help with this year’s audit.

**Item #5 Conservation/Tours, Marion Kirohn**

Marion Kirohn, Conservation/Tours Chair introduced herself and welcomed all. Marion told us of the scheduled arboretum tour. Anyone interested in this tour to please sign up. The tour will be led by one of our FGC members, Anne Heller, who is a docent at the arboretum. Also, Marion mentioned the beautiful gardening books being offered for a donation to the FGC.

**Item #6 Garden Therapy/Horticulture, Carol Dixon**

Carol Dixon Garden therapy/Horticulture Chair introduced herself as “I am the queen of weeding”. Carol stated that the monuments look very nice this year as does the herb garden and the Fairbanks House flower beds. Thank you to all who help at clean-ups and at the monuments. It was a good year because of all the rain. She asked us to remember the next clean up at the Fairbanks house. This will be the fall clean up to put the flower beds to sleep for the season. The date is Oct.19 with a rain date of Oct.23, please sign up. Bring your tools, bags, kneelers. We start at 9:30am until 11:30am.

**Item#7 Hospitality Comm., Judy Raymond**

Judy Raymond, Hospitality Chair, introduced herself and said that this was her first luncheon as Hospitality Chair. She thanked the September hospitality committee for their hard work in setting up such a wonderful luncheon for us to share. Also, thank you Priscilla Galberg for the lovely centerpiece **(3)** which will be part of the opportunities drawing.

**Item #8 Saroj Joshi, Membership**

Saroj Joshi, Membership Chair, welcomed all returning members and our new members. Saroj said that the FGC is very popular and that we have 50 members. She asked us that if we know of anyone that would like information regarding FGC membership to let her know. Saroj said that she has 3 members on her committee, Sandy Siber, Barbara Gula and Mary Geary. At this time Saroj introduced new member Mary Compagnone. Mary brought in some sedum plantings for anyone that might like one. Mary is from Dedham and was a past member of Norwood Garden Club and is delighted to be a member of FGC. Barbara Gula introduced our next 2 new members. Marilyn Corsini was a Boston public school teacher for many years. One of her favorite things to do is to visit area nurseries. She said she loves learning and talking about flowers and plants. Next, Barbara introduced Sandy Nelson. Sandy thanked everyone for inviting her to join FGC. Sandra is a geriatric nurse. She shared that her mantra is plant and buy native. She loves pollinators, bees and birds.

**Item #9 Christine Page, Nominating Chair**

Christine Page, Nominating Chair, was not able to be in attendance so Charlotte said that the preference and skills sheet will be distributed at next month’s meeting.

**Item #10 Carol Cook, Publicity**

Carol Cook, Publicity Chair, shared that she needs people on her committee for picture taking and to write captions for any advertising the FGC might need.

**Item #11 Loretta Larraga, Website**

Hello to all from Loretta. Loretta Larraga, Website Chair, said that she is in need of some helpful tips for the website. Loretta would like items such as putting the garden to sleep for the season, information regarding pollinators, invasive plant information and tips about native plants. New garden techniques are always welcome for the website.

**Item #12 Mary Joyce, Programs/ workshops**

Mary Joyce, Programs/workshops Chair welcomed all to this season of the FGC. Mary said that there is an exciting season of programs scheduled for all to enjoy. She said that if we know of a program that might be a fit for FGC to please let her know.

**Program-- Dish Garden Arrangement**

At this time Annette E. distributed the materials for our dish garden arrangements that are to be given to local nursing homes. This was a lot of fun sharing with each other to create a unique dish garden per table.

**Program—Jibjab**

After our dish garden creations, we gathered around to watch the very funny Jibjab put together by Carol C. many, many laughs all around.

Our first of the season FGC luncheon adjourned at approx. 2:30PM.

Minutes respectfully submitted,

Rose M.Favret, FGC Recording Secretary

1. **Time of business meeting opened at 12:15pm**
2. **Charlotte referred to an email she had sent to members from the Metro Dist. Directors giving information about the Federation and workshops and events that might be of interest to members.**
3. **Not part of the opportunities drawing.**