Fairbanks Garden Club Notes

February 21, 2018

36 members in attendance 1 visitor

**Business Meeting Notes**

**Addendum for corrections**

• Secretary’s Report-None today

•Treasurer’s Report-Ginnie Swanson

 Balance in account as of 2/1 -$9,148.95

Ginnie reminded us not to get too excited about this seeming large balance as there are many bills to be paid this month and in the near future. Some of the set expenditures include expenses for meetings, program presenters, insurance, club dues etc. We need to be careful of our expenditures.

• Corresponding Secretary-Marilyn Gosselin

Names of recently deceased members/ past members have been sent to the federation for their memorial list. We have sent several expressions of sympathy this year. The board will consider how best to acknowledge the passing of members/past members.

Chairperson Reports

•Tours- Marion Kirohn

 Marion read a list of upcoming conservation and gardening events that might be of interest to club members.

 Art In Bloom –Needham Public Library 3/10 (9Am- 5PM , 3/11- (1PM-5PM)

 Conservation Tour/Lecture-Colburn St Rain Garden-$10/person donation appreciated

Lecture by Chris Hirsh-engineer with Naponset Valley Water Shed

 Sign up sheets for those wishing to attend programs by car pools were circulated.

•Hospitality-Judy Raymond

 Due to unforeseen circumstances of club members, additional changes have been made to the monthly hostess information. A printed list of changes was distributed. “Record the changes in your yearbook. “Yes these are changes since your last e-mail update.” Smiles and & understanding all around!

• Garden Therapy/ Horticulture- Carol Dixon

Carol talked about the fun of doing our outdoor gardening projects together. Many hands are needed to get the jobs done and keep our gardens at the Fairbanks House and the areas surrounding two historic markers in town looking nice. Sign up sheet was provided for members interested in joining this committee. Check your yearbook for clean up dates.

•Membership-Saroj Joshi-No report Saroj in India

•Nominating-Jane Crandall for Christine Page

Preference sheets were distributed to members who have not yet filled out a sheet. Members were asked to hand them in prior to leaving the meeting. Committee is working to fill remaining slate of offices.

•Plant Sale Steering Committee- Jeannine Lathaum & Marilyn Corsini

Brief meeting will be held after today’s program for those interested on working on the plant sale and for updates on progress. Sign up sheet distributed for members to note what perennials they will donate for the sale. WE NEED PLANTS.

•Programs-Mary Joyce

Details about the 3/14 joint meeting with Medfield Garden Club were explained. Sign up sheets for potluck contributions and carpooling to event distributed.

March 21 meeting will be a workshop where we construct Sunflower Grow Kits. Kits will be sold at the Plant Sale.

Publicity –Carol Cook

 Acknowledged great job Jeannine Lathum is doing with publicity ideas for the plant sale. Carol has created fliers for the plant sale.

Ways and Means- no report

Website-Loretta Larraga,

She is looking for a person who can attend board meetings and feed current information to her to post on the web site.

Yearbook-Mave McHenry

She is looking for someone to join her committee. Could use a proof- reader. Need a volunteer who is somewhat computer literate. Here is a chance to learn the software used for the yearbook

Other Contributors

Lisa Brayton- Legend of How FGC Got Its Name

Club founded in 1959 by Friends of St. John’s Methodist Church-They couldn’t agree on a name so suggestions were placed in a hat and the name FGC was picked.

Lisa described what rain gardens are and their environmental importance. She noted sights of some rain gardens in Dedham.

Ellen Donovan-The Endicott Community Greenhouse will host a fundraiser on May 31 at the Endicott Estate. The greenhouse needs about $35,000 to complete the renovation of the roofs of the two largest wings.

Janet Holmes-Friends of the Library and D-Lit will host Art In Bloom 4/11

 Janet offered to setup a Face Book page for FGC.

**Program**

Following the business meeting, Susan Robinson of the Buzz 10 Bee Company gave a marvelously informative and entertaining presentation. She stressed the importance and benefits of honeybees and small-scale bee keeping. She had many visual aids, provided tips on how to get started raising bees and answered many questions from club members. We had an opportunity to sample and purchase her honey after the program. Everyone agreed it was one of the best information programs we have had.

 **Addendum**

We had two guests that day:Joanne Beaupré who was a Website inquiry, and Fawn Hurwitz who is the Assistant at the Metrowest office.