**FAIRBANKS GARDEN CLUB LUNCHEON MEETING OF 4/18/2018**

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**SEE CORRECTIONS**

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The FGC members gathered at the Endicott House at 11:30am with 37 members and 3 visitors in attendance.

A delicious luncheon was presented and served by Marilyn Corsini, Chair, and Barbara Gula, Christine Page, Joan Peckham-Elmen, Mary Compagnone and a beautiful centerpiece and table decorations by

Therese Stegall. It was a very lively and fun meeting as all members greeted one another and enjoyed socializing.

**Item #1 Acceptance of the Luncheon Minutes of 2/21/18**

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

**Item #2 Business Portion of Meeting**

Annette Eddy, Co-President, opened the business portion of our meeting at 12:25pm and welcomed all members and their guests. Annette said that today we will be having 2 opportunities drawings, 1 being a fundraiser for the greenhouse and 1 as our 50/50 drawing. Annette directed our attention to several flyers:

* Our plant sale flyer 5/12/18
* Medfield picnic at the Fairbanks House on **(1)**7/15/18
* Dedham Jr. Women’s Club tea on 5/6/18
* Riverdale School Spring Fair 5/19/18 10am-3pm

Annette also mentioned FGC Annual Luncheon and Elections on 5/23/18 at the Olde Colonial Cafe and the brunch on 4/22/18 at Lynn Fairbanks house. This brunch is a thank you from the Fairbanks family for the dedication of the FGC for all their help and support maintaining the flowerbeds at the Fairbanks House.

**Item #3 Elections of Slate of Officers**

Marilyn Gosselin, Corresponding Secretary, mentioned that at the Annual Meeting in May she will be announcing the Slate of Officers as Judy Massey as Recording Secretary and Marion Kirohn as Co-President. **(3) see correction**

**Item #4 Unsung Hero Award**

Annette Eddy presented Rose Favret with this year’s Unsung Hero Award. Rose was not able to attend the Metro Luncheon earlier in the month so the award was presented to her at the April FGC luncheon. Rose was surprised, honored and humbled by this great honor presented to her. Next Annette presented Carmela Kerrigan with a large framed color copy of the newspaper article and photo of the beautiful centerpiece of a beehive which Carmela presented to the Trailside Museum.

**Item #5 Carol Dixon, Garden Therapy/Horticulture Chair**

Carol mentioned the spring clean-ups at the Fairbanks House. Because of the severity of the winter there are 2 clean up sessions scheduled, 4/25 9:30am-11:00am and 4/26 9:30am-11:00am. Please help out, your help is needed. Bring your gloves, kneelers, rakes, bags. The Memory Support unit at Newbridge on the Charles is looking for help with gardening, Talk to Carol Dixon if interested.

**Item #6 Saroj Joshi, Membership Chair**

Saroj was very happy to tell us that FGC is at full membership capacity with a waiting list. Membership dues are $45.00 and are due by 6/15/18. Saroj reminded us that it is very convenient to pay your dues at the annual May luncheon.

**Item #7 Annette Eddy, Co-President**

At this time Annette wished to say a few words. Annette shared that she is going out as co-president and wanted to thank all club members, and that she enjoyed being the FGC co-president. Annette thanked Charlotte Pollock for being a wonderful co-president. Thank you to **(2)**Carol Cook, Rose Favret, Loretta Larraga, Nancy D’Attilio, Jeanette Evans, and Joan Hartzel for being there to help with the workshops. We had fun as we did the Festival of Trees, Pumpkin Patch, Metro Lunch craft donations. That is what we are about at the FGC to help out where we can and have fun and joy as we work. Annette said not to be afraid to help where you can, don’t be afraid, there are many people here to help you learn something new. FGC needs members to help out, there are a lot of different things that members can do. Step up. Annette said that maybe someday she will come back as co-president because she enjoyed being able to help FGC, thank you for having me (Annette Eddy) as your co-president.

**Item #8 Mary Joyce, Programs/Workshops Chair**

Mary said that she is unable to attend the annual luncheon on 5/23/18 but Judy Massey has the luncheon list.

Mary told us about the Medfield Garden Club’s picnic that the Fairbanks Garden Club will be jointly helping and celebrating with them at the Fairbanks House on 7/16/18 (Rain date 7/23/18). The picnic will be circa 1933 to celebrate the Medfield GC 85th Anniversary. The food and entertainment will be reflective of 1933. FGC will be participating in the pot luck food, please sign-up by 7/1/18 if you intend to bring food and/or participate. Email Mary Joyce for more information.

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**Item #9 Judy Raymond, Hospitality Chair**

Judy thanked this month’s Hospitality Committee for the beautifully presented luncheon.

**Item #10 Jeannine Lathum, 2018 Plant Sale Chair**

Jeannine handed out a very comprehensive list of all the time lines, duties and expectations of all members that are involved in making the plant sale a success. The advertising is underway with the use of posters, signs and banners to be used. Still working on getting high school students to help. A sign-up sheet for the plants that will be donated for the sale. Some other points to remember are:

* Kathy Lynch will baby sit any house plants if you are going away between now and the sale.
* Alice Ungethuem has the flower pot at her garage.
* Gently used books need to be priced and dropped off on 5/2
* Make sure that the pots that you donate are really clean(use a little bleach)
* Members need to be at the Fairbanks House on the day of the sale at 7am
* Members have permission to park in the American Legion lot over in the far right corner
* Plant sale meeting on 5/2 at Endicott House 9:30am
* Drop off your plants Thursday and Friday in the gully be sure they are labeled and priced

Judy Raymond won our 50/50 opportunities drawing and Jane Crandall won the ticket for the green house fund raiser.

**Our Program, Virginia LeClair Dedham’s Environmental Coordinator**

Mary Joyce introduced Ms. LeClair to us and said that she is the first Environmental Coordinator for the town of Dedham. Virginia LeClair has been Dedham’s Environmental Coordinator for over 10 years and she brings a wealth of experience.

Ms. LeClair used a very informative power-point session to tell us all that the Environmental Coordination Department encompasses. Some points are, to oversee a vast array of environmental and sustainability initiatives including municipal and residential energy efficiency, land conservation and management, transportation enhancements, storm water management and recycling. She has brought over $1.2M in funding for Dedham. Through environmental coordination Dedham was awarded a $500,000 grant from the Dept. of Energy to install a solar array on the town hall and high school. Also, the Town was designated a Green Community and awarded $430,000 to install streetlights with LEDs.   
To improve open space access, a passive park was constructed to increase access to the Charles River and also to see the creation of the first Water Trail in the region on the Charles River.

Working with the schools, we are trying to removing Styrofoam from the cafeterias and implement composting. This program is important to the health of our environment and students since Styrofoam is a known human carcinogen and the Environmental Coordination Dept. is working to create the first pedestrian & bicycle trails.

This was a very informative and well-received program by the FGC members.

Minutes respectfully submitted by,

Rose M. Favret, FGC Recording Secretary

**(1)The Medfield/FGC picnic being held at the Fairbanks House is on Monday, July 16th.**

**(2)Thank you Christine Page from Annette Eddy**

**(3) No other nominees were brought forward so nominations were closed.** **(my error, RMF, forgot to carry over this sentence from hand written notes)**