**October 17, 2018 Club Meeting Minutes**

(meeting took place at St Susanna's Church in Dedham as the Endicott Estate was unavailable.  36 members attended.  6 guests:  Mary Walsh, Beth Quarles, Sue Roll, Janet Malone, Kathie Merageas, Pam Denyce.)

Co-president Charlotte: Sep 13 Metro Coffee report.  New GCFM office is 400 Fifth Ave, Suite 110, Waltham MA 02451.  Phone 781-237-0336. 11 clubs represented.  3 FGC Yearbooks given to Metro co-director Fawn Hurwitz; Marion picked up GCFM Greenbook with list of scholarships available and lists of clubs and club officers.

Covered Club Policy statement, on page 4 in Yearbook, on how membership information can and cannot be used.

Co-president Marion: Member Preference sheet report. All chairs have a copy of the report and will use it to find 3, or more, members for their committees. 13 members still need to return their preference sheets, which they can do at the November club meeting.

60th Anniversary.  Mary Compagnone, Lisa Brayton, Ginny Swanson, Jeanette Evans and Annette Eddy are on that committee.  Mary C will chair and asked members to send her any ideas they have for the celebration. Most likely date: Spring 2020, Feb or March club meeting.  Location: Endicott Estate.  Possible sale of tote bags and/or t-shirts with club logo.  Marion brought plant sale apron with lady slipper, suggested lady slipper as possible logo.  LOGO Committee members Mary Devine-Bentz, Jeanette Evans, and Annette Eddy will research.

Recording Secretary Judy Massey.  Judy unable to attend this meeting as well as the November and December club meetings.  Charlotte took October club notes and will email them, with September club notes, a week before the November club meeting.  Maeve McHenry will take notes for the November club meeting. Jane Crandall will take December club meeting notes.

Treasurers Ginny and Mary D-B report:  $13, 942.32 in bank.  Co-president Marion pointed out treasurers' 4-year term will be over in May of 2020.  At this time there is no one in training to replace either treasurer.   Needed are one or two people to train with them so they can take over as treasurers.  Marion's point, if club is to continue to exist it must have treasurers.

Corresponding Secretary Marilyn Gosselin:  Presented a Michaels' $50 gift certificate to Carol Cook for her years of designing and producing, at no cost to the club, an endless stream of flyers, stationary, emails, smile boxes, JibJabs, etc. Ask and Carol produced.

Christine Page, former co-president with Annette Eddy, at this point presented a silver president's pin to Annette, saying that working with Annette she learned that Annette had a wonderful big heart that included trying to help everyone she met... even extending to finding homes for unwanted plants in her yard!

Garden/hort chair Carol Dixon:  Sent around a sign-up sheet for the Oct 25th Fairbanks garden clean up...with a rain date of November 1.

Conservation/tour chair Lisa Brayton: Started her first Lisa's ECO Minute.  Topic:  Say No to Single Use Plastic bags. Dedham, unlike Needham and Brookline, does not ban single use plastic bags. Lisa suggested, when shopping, say "no" when offered a bag for a small item, and bring a bag with you when shopping for larger items.  Janet Holmes showed the small bag she carries with her. (It opens up to a much larger bag.) Lisa used a plastic trash bag (no paper bags available) to collect water bottles at the meeting for recycling and suggested this be done at all meetings.  Hospitality chair Judy Raymond said washable flatware will be used at future club meetings.

Fall Arnold Arboretum tour cancelled (scheduling issues.)  Possible spring tour, depending on scheduling.

Hospitality chair Judy Raymond:  Introduced her wonderful hospitality crew.  Endicott Estate director Erin Perron brought a chocolate Halloween cake to the meeting for club members.

Ways & Means chair Jeanette Evans: Announced the Garden of Trees project. **(Pls read attached proposal for details)** Jeanette, Annette and Janet Holmes will oversee this project. Proceeds to go to a scholarship for a Dedham student. Jeanette is looking for more help, so contact her!  Janet Holmes, who has run the project for other organizations in the past, will send out follow up emails to members.

Nominations Chair & Scholarship chair Annette Eddy: Trees for the Elm Bank Festival of Trees must be decorated and installed at Elm Bank between November 13 and the 17th.  Actual Festival is November 23 thru December 9.  The FGC tree will have an angel theme.  Annette will send out email to members asking for help.

Scholarship news.  Annette will meet with Dedham High guidance personnel on November 6th to discuss the Club $500 scholarship to a Dedham DHS student. Jane Crandall and Sandy Siber are committee members.  Christine is member on both the scholarship and the nominating committee.

Flower cards:  Annette will have a workshop on these cards.  Will send members an email with picture of one of the cards and ask for members' help.

Publicity chair Mary Compagnone: Committee members are Carol Cook, Janet Holmes and Loretta Larraga.  Janet has volunteered to do writing for Patch, Dedham Times and Dedham Transcript etc. articles.

Yearbook chair Maeve McHenry: Anne Heller and Loretta Larraga will again work on the Yearbook committee.  Maeve will contact Melissa O'Connor, who according to preference sheets, has great computer skills.

Plant Sale chair Jeannine Lathum:  Marion showed birdhouse painted by Marilyn Gosselin and, unpainted as yet, solitary bee nesting block.  Marion's neighbor has made 10 birdhouses and 10 native bee nesting blocks.  All are unpainted as yet. 5 members are working on these.  Jeannine also brought a slew of unpainted plaques waiting to be painted by members. Many with designs already on them and only needing to be painted.  Contact her if interested.

Membership chair Saroj Joshi:  Saroj unable to attend.  Membership at full 50.

Program chair Mary Joyce:  The November club program will be similar to last year's program by Charlotte and Marion, using greens from members' yards. Members should bring a container or a wreath form, tools, scissors, cutters etc.  Mary C. will bring a supply of ribbons.

Christmas wreath workshop: Sign-up sheet passed around.  Workshop date: Thursday November 29.  Location and time: 9:30am at the Endicott Greenhouse. Bring scissors, tools, cutters, etc.

Mary Joyce then introduced speaker Alan Banks, park ranger at the Frederick Olmstead Historic Site in Brookline, who gave an illustrated slide program on. "The Olmstead Legacy."