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FAIRBANKS GARDEN CLUB MEMBER MEETING MINUTES OF 10/16/19

 Endicott Estate, Dedham

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Attendance: 40 active members, 0 lifetime members, 4 guests

Item #1: Meeting called to order by Co-president **Mary Devine-Bentz** at 12:15 p.m.

 Announcements:

* + Fall cleanup set for October 23 (rain date Oct. 28)
	+ Please complete committee preference sheets, 25 not complete to date
	+ Sign up to make ornaments for the Festival of Trees (at Elm Bank)

Item #2: Recording secretary **Judy Massey** -

 Minutes accepted as written and sent to members via email.

 Printed copies of minutes given to **Palma Coccia** and **Alice Ungethuem**

Item #3: Corresponding secretary **Kathy Lynch** –

 [note Kathy, can you please supply a list of the people and info you referred to in your report?]

Item #4: Co-treasurers **Ginny Swanson & Charlotte Pollock** –

 Treasurers’ report presented.

 Federation recommends that a club keep a rainy day fund of two years of operating funds in the bank account. Last year expenses were $6,500.00. this year’s projection: $7,000.00. We have enough in our account to be a two year safety net.

Item #5: Garden therapy / horticulture **Carol Dixon** – not present

Item #6: Hospitality **Sandy Nelson** – thank you to **Gail Palmer** for centerpieces. Thank you to **Kathy Merageas** for donating tablecloths.

 **Jeannine Lathum** donated fabric to make table cloths. Will purchase stainless flatware to replace throwaway plasticware at meetings.

Item #7: Membership **Saroj Joshi** – Club has 55 active members with a few on a waiting list.

Item #8: Nominating **Charlotte Pollock** – Members must participate on committees. Every committee needs at least three people.

Item #9: Programs **Leanne Lahar** –

* Thank you to **Jeanette Evans** for setting up the Pumpkin Patch.
* Next month November 20: members will bring natural greens to make indoor holiday decorations.
* Members will bring donations to the Dedham Food Pantry.
* Members will pay for the December luncheon.

Item #10: Ways & Means **Jeanette Evans –**

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* Garden of Trees fundraiser set for Friday, December 6 in lobby of Community Theater with 9 trees decorated in different themes.
* Looking for donations and children’s books to build a book tree.
* Need volunteers to set up event.
* Cost of sponsoring a tree is $100.
* **Annette Eddy** thanked pumpkin patch helpers.
* Workshops to make decorations for the FGC entry in the Festival of Trees set for Wednesdays from 10 to 2:00. One workshop will take place at Endicott Estate, open to all.
* Scholarship: Natalie Dean is first recipient of new scholarship, totally funded by Garden of Trees. [correction: “totally funded by the F.G.C.,” submitted by Marion Kirohn] A touching thank you note from her was passed around.

Item #11: Publicity / website **Mary Compagnone** –

* + A group planted 60 daffodil bulbs at the Historical Society. Picture taken for newspaper.
	+ 6oth celebration will be at spring luncheon 2020.

Item #12: Tours / conservation **Lisa Brayton** –

* Proposed plastic bag ban in Dedham will be voted on at fall Town Meeting. It will be self enforced. 120 towns in Massachusetts already have this ban. Handouts to explain by-law distributed.
* Reminder about Recycle Day, Saturday, November 2, 8 to noon, at middle school.

Item #13: Yearbook **Maeve McHenry** – no report

Item #14: Announcements by Co-president **Marion Kirohn** -

* Fairbanks Fall Festival was huge success. FGC goal was to be noticed with brochures, herb lists, and gardening advice. Public noticed new signs to label the garden. Club sold plants and two sets of ducks. Invited back next year.
* Fall Metro District Coffee reminder

 Item #15: Co-president **Mary Devine-Bentz** –

 Fall conference by the GCFM, Inc, Wednesday October 10, Dedham Hilton. Budget allows two attendees. Board voted to fund an additional member. **Mary Devine-Bentz, Charlotte Pollock, and Mary Compagnone.**

Item #16: Plant Sale **Jeannine Lathum** – A new steering committee will meet to plan the 2020 sale. There is a need, a want for new ideas.

Meeting adjourned at 1:05.

Respectfully submitted,

Judy Massey, Recording secretary

Program – Suzanne Mahler, Gardener, Lecturer on “Splitting Perennials.”