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FAIRBANKS GARDEN CLUB MEMBER MEETING MINUTES OF 12/11/19

 Olde Colonial Café, Norwood

 DRAFT TO BE CORRECTED/APPROVED AT THE NEXT MEMBER MEETING

Attendance: 41 active members, 0 lifetime members, 2 guests

Item #1: Co-president **Mary Devine-Bentz** – Call to order 11:00

Item #2: Recording secretary **Judy Massey** – November report to be presented at the next general meeting.

Item #3: Treasurers’ Report **Ginny Swanson & Charlotte Pollock** – (see monthly report)

* Members who purchase items for the luncheon from Roche Bros. Westwood should inform the store that the order is for the FGC a tax-exempt organization.
* The first $500 scholarship which was just awarded came completely from the general fund of the Fairbanks Garden Club. Listing it as it is in the report makes it easier for tax preparation. Future 2020 scholarships will be funded by the Garden of Trees. (The full report is available on-line.)

Item #4: **Charlotte Pollock** -

* Charlotte requests that all members fill out the program survey after each general meeting.

Item #5: Ways & Means **Annette Eddy** –

* The Garden of trees raised $503 with the tree raffles, and $900 from sponsors. It was a “wonderful success.”
* Annette extends thank you to all members who participated in ornament workshops in her home and who worked the night of the GOT. Her list of volunteers:
* Those who helped Jeannette, Janet, Holly and herself on the

Garden of Trees

* Carla Bennett
* Mary Devine-Bentz
* Mary Walsh
* Mary Compagnone
* Carol Cook
* Marilyn Corsini
* Nancy D'Attilio
* Kathie Merageas
* Leanne Lahar
* Judy House
* Natalie Feta
* Loretta Larraga
* Those who helped of the Festival of Trees are;
* Mary Compagnone
* Carol Cook
* Marilyn Corsini
* Jane Crandall
* Nancy D'Attilio
* Holly Dixon
* Natalie Feta
* Jeannette Evans
* Janet Holmes
* Loretta Larraga
* Mary Walsh

Item #6: **Mary Devine-Bentz**

 The GCFM offers a "Penny Pines Program" - each garden club's contribution of $68 will be used for restoring our national and urban forests through the National Forest Reforestation Program.  We have a brown paper bag that will be out at our meetings to collect change for this worthy cause.

Item #7: Conservation / tours **Lisa Brayton** – In late November town Meeting passed a town by-law to restrict use of plastic bags in stores.

Item #8: Nominating, **Charlotte Pollock** –

Nominees that are needed: Co-treasurer

 Ways & Means trainee

 Chair for Gardens & Horticulture

Item # 9: Garden therapy & horticulture **Carol Dixon** –

 Thank you for help decorating holiday wreaths that have been placed around town.

Item #10: Co-president **Marion Kirohn** –

 Recognition of member **Palma Coccia** with a certificate, a plaque and flowers**. Lisa Brayton** composed and read all the words on the certificate which was presented to Palma in a framed plaque. **Carol Cook** did the artwork for the plaque.

Text on the plaque:

*The Fairbanks Garden Club wishes to extend its deepest gratitude to Palma Coccia for her many years of kind friendship and for her generous service to the club, especially all the delicious meals and desserts she and her family have provided for the club’s holiday and annual meeting lunches. These gatherings at the Olde Colonial Café are enjoyed by one and all. Thank you so much.*

Meeting adjourned 11:35. Luncheon followed.

Respectfully submitted,

Judy Massey, Recording secretary