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FAIRBANKS GARDEN CLUB MEMBER MEETING MINUTES OF 2/19/20

 Endicott Estate, Dedham

 DRAFT TO BE CORRECTED/APPROVED AT THE NEXT MEMBER MEETING

Attendance: active members, lifetime member, guest

Item #1: Meeting called to order by Co-president **Marion Kirohn** at 12:20 p.m.

 Announcement by **Mary Compagnone**: As a two year project, we are asking members to plant native species, to record when, where and what. A list of native plants distributed. Related books recommended.

Item #2: Recording secretary **Judy Massey** – minutes for the November and December 2019 meetings had been sent to members via email. Printed copies given to members who do not have email access. Minutes accepted as is.

Item #3. Treasurers report: **Ginny Swanson** – Current report presented and accepted.

Item #4: Corresponding secretary **Kathy Lynch** – A sympathy card was sent to **Palma Coccia** whose sister passed away.

Item #5: Ways & Means **Jeanette Evans** – final guidelines for the 2020 grants (two) have been finished. Norfolk Agricultural School has been contacted.

Item #6. Garden Therapy & Horticulture **Carol Dixon** –

* + Members will please return decorations from FGC Christmas wreaths to her.
	+ Spring clean-up at the Fairbanks House set for April 25.

Item #7: Yearbook **Maeve McHenry** – Members need a password to access FGC web page. That password will be printed on separate paper and included in each member’s yearbook. Suggestion: Write the password in your yearbook. Note that it is not for publication to the general public.

Item #8 Hospitality **Sandra Nelson** – thank you to volunteers who set up today’s lunch. ..and to **Marilyn Corsini** who provided centerpieces and a dining room display. Thank you also to **Jane Crandall and Nancy D’Attilio.**

Item #9: Preference forms **Mary Devine-Bentz** – Asking everyone to fill out form to indicate what club activities they prefer. There is a desperate need for a treasurer in training, and also need a recording secretary and a plant sale chairman.

Item #10 - Penny for Pines – **Mary Devine-Bentz** – Club will collect change in a bag. Goal to get $68. [more info??]

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Item #11: Membership **Saroj Joshi** –

 Club membership is full with 55 members and 2 25 year members. Next year there will be two more 25 year members, allowing two slots for new members.

Item #12: Programs **Leanne Lahar** –

* Welcoming speaker Paul Split on Low Maintenance Gardening. Seeds being distributed to members as a gift from Paul.
* Please complete program evaluation form.
* Program committee will meet today to organize the rest of the year.

Item #13: Publicity **Mary Compagnone** – current project redoing club brochure. Requesting photos of activities.

Item #14. Tours & Conservation **Lisa Brayton** – Annual **Carmela Kerrigan** club garden tour set for Tuesday, June 9, scheduled to visit gardens of **Saroj Joshi, Judy House, Charlotte Pollock**.

Today’s Eco-minute: In September the club will stop buying bottled water in plastic. Recycling these is not efficient. Members are asked to bring their own refillable water bottles. “Mother Earth needs all the help she can get.”

Item #15: Plant Sale **Jeannine Lathum**

* Banners will be used for promotion. No more balloons. Flags & sunflower girls will be used also.
* Celebrating 60th anniversary of the club.
* Important to have information available about how to plant and care for sale plants. All members should be available to answer customer questions.
* **Carol Dixon** is setting up a computer sheet with labels for sale plants.
* Plant sale history – **Alice Ungethuem** recalls the first plant sale in 1995, two tables on the street corner near the Fairbanks House.
* **Lisa Brayton** found minutes to indicate first sale in 1957.
* **Marilyn Gosselin** recalls the 2000 sale made $300.

Item #16: Reminders [this section to be completed from agenda]

Item #17: New business.

A thank you note from the Mass. Horticultural society for participating in the 2019 Festival of Trees, read by **Annette Eddy.**

Announced thank you for providing new round table cloths. [list of volunteers to be completed]

Meeting adjourned at 12:55.

Respectfully submitted,

Judy Massey, recording secretary.

Paul Split program followed.