

TOPSHAM GARDEN CLUB MINUTES

Date: June 13, 2018

President Vicky Marr called the meeting to order at 1:50, opening with the recitation of the Gardeners' Collect, the Conservation Pledge and the Pledge of Allegiance.

Attendance 20 members
 10 guests

Hostesses

For this meeting: Liz Volckening and Patsy St. Pierre
For next meeting: field trip, therefore none needed

Library flowers

This month: N/A
Next month: N/A

Treasurer's Report

- Checking account: \$5700.67
- Savings account : \$2513.50
- Membership: 35 members
- Full report is attached

Executive Committee

- President Vicky Marr thanked those members of the club who worked on the plant sale June 1-2, digging plants, setting up, pricing, selling and cleaning up.
- There are nine members registered for the GCFM Convention June 18-20. Upon submitting the appropriate documentation, these members will be subsidized for their registration fee and luncheon fee.
- Vicky is requesting help with planning programs for 2018-2019. Suggestions are welcome.
- July 11 meeting will be a visit to a special garden in Topsham from 10:00 am to approximately 1:00 pm. We will car pool from Home Depot (near the sheds), leaving at 9:45 am. Bring your own brown bag lunch and if you wish, something to share. Dress appropriately for walking and for weather.
- August 8 meeting might be a visit to Shady Glen Farms in Freeport.

Committee Reports:

- Jean Herlihy reported that for those tending the town gardens the keys and equipment will be on the back deck of Izza Johnson's home, 34 Main Street, Topsham.
- We no longer are planting the trough on Elm Street.
- There was discussion concerning the health of the two redbud trees in the front garden of the library. No action was taken.

Announcements and important dates:

- June 18-20 GCFM Convention at Sebasco Harbor Estates, Phippsburg
- July 11 Garden visit 10:00 to 1:00

Meeting was adjourned at 2:10.

Members worked to stuff the Goody Bags for the Garden Club Federation of Maine Convention taking place June 18-20 at Sebasco Harbor Estates in Phippsburg, Maine.

The Program was "Foraging for Wild Edible and Medicinal Plants" with Tom Seymour, [Wild Plants of Maine](#)

Respectfully submitted,

Marie Neale
Secretary

**TOPSHAM GARDEN CLUB
TREASURER'S REPORT
June 13, 2018**

Checking Account Balance (as of June 12 , 2018) **\$5,700.67**
Savings Account Balance (as of May 31, 2018) **\$2,513.50****

*** The Savings Account balance includes \$1,500 for a "Rainy Day Fund," \$1,000 reserved for a capital gift for the Androscoggin Brunswick-Topsham Riverwalk, and interest earned.*

Membership:

We currently have 32 members for 2018-2019, including three new members: Heather Osterfeld and Susan and Frank Tesar. Twenty 2017-2018 members have not yet renewed; Jerry Hix passed away in January and one is unable to renew, leaving 18 potential renewals. According to our By-laws, dues are payable due in full by June 15, 2018.

Dues (new or renewing members) are \$20 for an individual or \$30 for two members of the same household. Members joining December 1 or later paid half price until the April Annual Meeting when all dues collected are applied to the following year.

Fiscal Activity Since April 11, 2018, Business Meeting:

- Income was \$1,823:
 - \$570 in dues from new and renewing members
 - \$1,211 from the Plant Sale (not including \$12 IOU from a member)
 - \$42 from the raffle of double snowdrops
- Expenses were \$152.31:
 - \$102.31 for two raffle items for the Medomak Disytrict Meeting and two for the upcoming GCFM Convention
 - \$50 donation to the GCFM Scholarship Fund as a program fee for the Dahlia presentation on April 11.
- Not yet paid: Plant Sale expenses of about \$40 for bookmarks, coffee and a storage bin and a new hose for the Library for \$25

Fiscal Year Report (June 1, 2017 – May 31, 2018)

- We began the year on June 1, 2017 with \$1,583.85 more in the checking account than anticipated when we adopted the 2017-2018 budget on April 5, 2017.
- Income of \$3,220 exceeded budget by \$770. The 2017 Plant & Yard Sale brought in \$1,908 – almost double the budget of \$1,000. The Christmas Auction earned \$126 more than budgeted. On the other hand, we did not exhibit at the Topsham Fair so did not earn the \$150 budgeted prize money, and membership was down by \$20.
- Recurring expenses came under budget by \$818.40 for a variety of reasons, outlined on the attached spreadsheet.
- We spent none of the of the \$450 budget for one-time expenses.
- Instead of taking \$45.04 from our Rainy Day Fund, we ended the year with a checking account balance was \$4,319.17.
- We earned a whopping \$2.50 in interest on our savings account that includes the \$1,500 Rainy Day Fund and \$1,000 for a Riverwalk gift.

Upcoming Events:

- GCFM Annual Convention, June 18-20, at Sebasco Harbor Estate in Phippsburg. The 2018-2019 budget proposed by the Executive Committee includes spending a portion of our accumulated surplus to subsidize attendance at the meeting: \$30 toward convention registration and \$25 for the luncheon following the business meeting. Reimbursement will be made after the convention. Details will be forthcoming.

Respectfully submitted,
Alison Harris, Treasurer

TOPSHAM GARDEN CLUB - 2017-2018

(Final: 05.31.18)

Starting Balances	2017-2018	2017-2018
	June 1-May 31 (Budget 04.05.17)	June 1-May 31 (Actual 05.31.18)
Checking Account	742.46	3,068.77
Savings Account	2,507.44	2,511.00
TOTAL BALANCE	3,249.90	5,579.77

Income	2017-2018	2017-2018
	June 1-May 31 (Budget 04.05.17)	June 1-May 31 (Actual 05.31.18)
Contributions Received		10.00
Dues Income	850.00	830.00
Plant Sale Income	1,000.00	1,908.00
Garden Tour Income		
Christmas Auction	250.00	376.00
Raffles & Miscellaneous Auctions (net)	200.00	96.00
Prizes	150.00	
GCFM & Medomak Activities		
Miscellaneous		
TOTAL INCOME	2,450.00	3,220.00

Recurring Operating Expenses

Plants & Gardens (June 1 through Fall)	250.00	350.00
Plants & Gardens (Spring)	150.00	
Programs	300.00	250.00
Contributions Given	680.00	705.00
Youth Awards		
Plant Sale Expenses	150.00	44.42
Garden Tour Expenses		
GCFM & Medomak Activities		
GCFM Dues	200.00	212.00
GCFM <i>Gardeners Voice</i> copying		
GCFM & Medomak Misc Expenses	60.00	102.31
Website & Publicity	25.00	25.00
Gifts Given (inc holiday favors)	150.00	
Yearbook	292.50	191.40
President's (or Delegates') Expenses	180.00	70.00
Hospitality	200.00	
Administration	50.00	18.97
Miscellaneous	100.00	
TOTAL RECURRING EXPENSES	2,787.50	1,969.10
OPERATING SURPLUS/(DEFICIT)	(337.50)	1,250.90

Accumulated Surplus Used for Recurring Expenses <i>(Parentheses indicate additions to the surplus.)</i>	337.50	(1,250.90)
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One-time Expenses

Town Gardens	400.00	
Plant Markers	50.00	
Memorial Markers Trees		
Garden Signs		
Reserve Toward Riverwalk Gift		
TOTAL ONE-TIME EXPENSES	450.00	

Ending Balances

Checking Account	(45.04)	4,319.67
Savings Account		
	2,507.44	2,513.50
TOTAL BALANCE	2,462.40	6,833.17