

# TOPSHAM GARDEN CLUB MINUTES

April 13, 2016

President Vicky Marr called the meeting to order at 1:15.

In attendance were 19 members. Sheryl Smith, a former member, had joined us for lunch.

## **Hostesses:**

For this meeting: Carole Flaherty, Betsy Marr, Lucette Musica, Patsy St. Pierre

## **Library flowers:**

April: Mary Ann Douglas  
May: Marie Neale  
June, July and August: volunteers needed

## **Secretary's Report:**

Approved.

Moved by: Alison Harris

Seconded by: Liz Volckening

## **Treasurer's Report:**

- Checking account: \$1966.08
- Savings account: \$2508.07
- Membership: 47 members which includes one honorary member
- 501(c) (3) status: Application to be under the umbrella of the Garden Club Federation of Maine was submitted on March 11, 2016. Everything is in order but because GCFM can only add clubs through a supplemental group list to the IRS in January of each year, we are on hold until January 2017.
- With the approval during annual meeting of the 2016-2017 budget, dues are unchanged: \$20 single, \$30 for two in same household and are payable now.

## **Executive Committee:**

- Open positions are:
  - Vice President and Program Chair
  - Civic Beautification Chair
  - Nominating Chair
  - 2017 District meeting Chair
  - Publicity Chair
  - Website Chair
  - Yearbook Chair

## **Committee Reports:**

- Jane Scease reported that Peggy Lord, Carla Rensenbrink and she would be working with the youth at Family Focus to plant seeds on April 15.

- Carole Flaherty provided details for the Plant Sale and White Elephant Sale.
  - Date of sale: June 4
  - Location: Topsham Municipal Building Complex
  - Drop off: June 3 between 3:30 and 5:00
  - Plants: must be in soil and look healthy; therefore dig at least 2 weeks prior must be labeled with common name, color, sun or shade, annual or perennial
  - White elephant: any items except clothing must be clean and not broken or chipped
- Jean Herlihy and Mary Ann Douglas brought pots and markers to today's meeting to share.
- Vicky Marr mentioned that National Garden Week is June 5 to 11 and would be an appropriate tie in with the Plant Sale.

**Unfinished Business:**

- None

**New Business:**

- Earth Day is April 22. It was suggested to release information with a connection to the Topsham Garden Club. In addition to our website, Alison Harris will contact the Town Office about a slide for Channel 3 and possibly a mention on the Library website.
- Discussion regarding the newly budgeted item for reimbursement to hostesses for their expenses resulted in a consensus to leave the option in place.
- Liz Volckening, Hospitality Chair, will be contacting all members to request more to serve as hostesses.

Ways and Means raffled eight Readers Digest Gardening Books. Winners were Vicky Marr, Joyce LaGasse, Marge Whipple (2), Izza Johnson, Alison Harris, Grace Anderson, and Carole Flaherty.

Jane Donelon donated pots of scilla.

**Announcements and important dates:**

- May 2 Medomak District Meeting, hosted by the Camden Garden Club, to be held at Northpoint Lookout. Topic will involve incorporating edible plants with perennials and keeping them attractive. Registration begins at 9:30. Registration fee is \$35 members and \$40 guests and late registration. Lucette Musica will purchase the two \$30 raffle items our club is required to provide. Everyone is requested to bring white elephant items.

- May 18                   Field trip/tour to McLaughlin Gardens in South Paris for a 10:00 a.m. tour  
Rain or shine  
Admission is \$8 or \$6 for over 65  
Optional lunch and other attractions in the area  
No carpooling is being arranged
- June 4                    Plant Sale and White Elephant Sale  
9:00 to 1:00
- June 15 and 16        GCFM Annual Meeting, Bar Harbor, "Gardens of Eden"

Meeting adjourned at 1:40.

Respectfully submitted,

Marie Neale  
Secretary