

TOPSHAM GARDEN CLUB MINUTES

Date: November 9, 2016

President Vicky Marr called the meeting to order at 12:40 with the various pledges recited.

In attendance were 16 members and 1 guest for the meeting. Marie Neale introduced guest, Diane Sikorski. Another member and 10 guests joined us for the program.

Hostesses were recognized and thanked.

For this meeting: Jean Haycock, Jane Donelon and Joyce La Gasse

For December 14: Vivian Wixom, Grace Anderson, Fay Eldred and Jane Scease

Library flowers

This month: Kathleen Filtranti

Next month: Kathleen Greer-Burns

Secretary's Report:

Corrections: In the Secretary's remarks from the September 14, 2016 minutes, please add Jean Herlihy's garden to the list of gardens toured in July.

Minutes from October's meeting are not yet compiled.

Treasurer's Report:

- Checking account \$3552.25
- Savings account \$2509.55
- Income this month: \$71 from mum raffle at October meeting
 \$10 from two items just sold from Plant and Yard Sale
- Anticipated income: \$10.00 I.O.U. from mum raffle
- Anticipated expenses: expenses for summer and fall garden plants

- Membership as of October 11: 45 members which includes one honorary member.
- Full report is on file.

Executive Committee:

- President Marr announced that the Kennebec Valley Garden Club has extended its invitation to attend the holiday tea/coffee at the Blaine House in Augusta. The theme is "Old Fashioned Holiday."

Date: December 6, Tuesday

Coffee: 9:30 am to 10:15 am

11:00 am to 11:45 am

Tea: 1:30 pm to 2:30 pm

Each of us must reserve a time by calling Barbara Patterson at 207-623-9417.

Marie Neale will send an e-mail regarding plans to car pool.

- Topsham Garden Club will host the Medomak District meeting on May 1. We should have all plans in place by April.
- The 2017 Garden Club Federation of Maine (GCFM) Convention will be at the Hilton Garden Inn in Freeport, Maine. Speakers will be Thomas Rainer and Neal Sanders, as well as workshops and garden tours. Early registration fee is \$30 for GCFM members.

Committee Reports:

- none

Unfinished Business:

- Izzy Johnson, winner of the worm drawing in October, reported that the worms were doing well.

New Business:

- Our next meeting is a members only pot luck lunch and auction at the home of Vivian Wixom.
Date: December 14 (with a snow date of December 15)
Time: 11:15
The hostess committee will provide desserts and beverages. Members are to bring a main dish, salad, quiche, etc., as well as 1 or 2 items for the auction and money to spend. (Minimum bid is \$5.00.)

We usually car pool from Home Depot.

Alison Harris will send an e-mail reminder.

- Members completed several surveys regarding their preferences for meeting times/format and input regarding speakers/programming. The

consensus was to try to abbreviate one's commitment for the entire meeting time. The preferred format is:

11:30 to 12:00 Business meeting

12:00 to 1:00 Program

1:00 to 1:30 Social time with very light beverage and refreshments

Upon membership approval this new format would become effective in May 2017, after the annual meeting.

Announcements:

Carole Flaherty told us that Doreen Wakely has had a heart attack and is a patient at Maine Medical Center in Portland.

Meeting adjourned at 1:25.

The Program was presented by Jennifer Dube who is the Development Director of the Friends of the Maine State Museum **and** by Dr. Paula Work who is the Registrar and Curator of Zoology at the Maine State Museum. Dr. Work's presentation was "A walk through the Maine State Museum with a botanist's eye."

Respectfully submitted,

Marie Neale
Secretary