

The Garden Club of Brookfield

Board meeting called to order @ 10:05 7/12/18

Present: Sheila, Betty, Joanne, Norma, Jan, Rosemary, Dianne, Elaine, Deborah, Norma Jean and Kathy

Secretary minutes: correction to show 6/14 program co-sponsored by Brookfield Library.

Treasurer's report distributed and reviewed. It was decided that numbers will be broken out for next year's plant sale by category.

Jack is speaking about climate change for the 7/19 program. Flyers were made up and distributed. Norma will contact active and sustaining members. Jack's book will be available for sale. A girl scout, Kiera Frame, who worked with Diane Flood and was promised the chance to make a presentation and to pass out brochures that she made up. She will be on the agenda with her information at this meeting. Joanne will check if Jack needs any AV equipment.

The issue was brought up as to payment due to the Newbury Congregational Church for our meetings there. It was decided to pay the church, even for the cancelled meeting since we keep our materials stored there.

Gail informed the board that the work on the "Welcome" sign has been completed. Extra work was done, but not charged over the \$175.00 that was approved.

Rosemary is on track for the June refreshments. Norma will look for the list of sign ups. June exhibits will be displayed and judged.

Betty congratulated the scholarship winner, Derek Gallo. He has a 4.150 GPA, is an athlete, Eagle Scout and was the best of 6 applicants and one of the best candidate ever for the award.

The August meeting will feature the Marsh Botanical Garden chief. He will speak on reforestation after the horrific tornadoes and will prepare a slide show. Joanne will publicize. Dianne requested that the Library co-fund the program and they agreed, plus \$15.00 towards refreshments. Norma and committee will plan the luncheon. Dianne will make iced tea if desired for the program only. Exhibits will be "Summer in the Air" as per the handbook. Members are encouraged strongly to participate and display our talents to the public.

Sept. meeting will be at Hollister House, Kathy will check on charges. Oct. will be a luncheon, possibly at Agora. Jan mentioned that Guy Wolfe might be a speaker. "Tea and Chocolate" possibility for the Dec. meeting.

The budget will be challenging since the Plant Sale was cancelled- bottom line, all committees should be very conservative in spending. Deborah discussed signage that is needed to promote the Garden Club and let the town know how much we accomplish. Kathy advised that Brooks Quarry is now handled by a

property management company took over. Previously, Kathy had trimmed, planted flowers and mulched. Ellen and Ursula take care of the library and Jeanne and her husband handle Williams Park. The triangle also needs a sign, but the Historic district is against it. The state is fine with a sign giving the club recognition. Deborah noted that the perennials at the Blue Star monument were pulled out in error by the town.

Joanne spoke about National Gardener which needs a \$3.00 subscription payment. It is well worth having the club purchase. Dianne made the motion to approve, Kathy made the 2nd and the board passed. The flyer will be sent to the P.O. Box for the club.

Plant Science Day in Hamden is scheduled for 8/8/18. A brochure was passed to the board members. Joanne advised that passwords for Federated are in the handbook.

Deborah wants to get volunteers to mulch the museum garden. She asked Gail to get Boy Scout volunteers Dianne said Deidre also has a troop
Gail will place American flags at the garden for the patriotic concern to be held over the weekend
Membership dues are payable as of August. Invitations will be sent to other clubs for the Oct. and Dec. luncheons. Diane Flood will be contacted for her list of invitees.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:15 a.m.

Respectfully submitte,

Dianne Mariano, recording secretary