

**Annisquam Sewing Circle Meeting
February 14, 2017**

The meeting was called to order at 1:39 p.m.

Treasurer Nancy Martin reported that we have \$10,925 in the bank.

Donna Caselden read letter that Finance Committee Chair Mimi Emmons received from Michelle Cook requesting a donation to the Docksiders, Gloucester High School's jazz band. The money will be used for the band to travel and perform at Disney World during the 2017-18 school year. A motion to donate \$200 was made and accepted.

A motion to approve the Treasurer's report was made and accepted.

The minutes for the January meeting were read and approved with no changes.

Judy Gustin, Sunshine Chair, reported that about six notes have been sent in last few weeks. Our thoughts are very much with Jackie Littlefield, whose husband Paul recently passed away. Also, with Mimi Emmons, whose husband and dad have not been well, and Elz Spofford, whose mom died. Carolyn Stewart had operation and will be laid up for quite a while. Chan Davis is back home and doing well. Maureen Quine took tumble and sprained her ankle. She is home doing well.

Membership has no news. We have three Active Membership slots open. Associate membership is full with 52 members.

Hospitality Chair Dottie Roeske had no news to report.

Website coordinator Suzanne Brown reported that the December and January minutes are posted on the website. Deb asked if the recipes people bring today can be posted on website.

Deb Bird asked everyone to start thinking about the Plant Sale, which will be the focus of the next meeting.

She also thanked everyone for bringing cookbooks for the Village library. There will be a cookbook exchange with cookbooks that the library could not accommodate at the next meeting.

Deb called for any new business before diving in the Foodie Forum, the feature of this month's meeting.

Sandy asked for Willmann project update. Deb reported that the project is making good progress. Green Belt meeting tomorrow.

Deb opened the Foodie Forum discussion by sharing a few delightful, old cookbooks, including Mrs. Beaton's Household Management published in the 1860s and Mrs. Lincoln's Boston Cookbook, published about the same time.

The remainder of the meeting was a free flow of conversation and sharing around favorite recipes, food blogs, and kitchen tools and tips.

Suzanne Brown reported that she is setting up an ASC Sharing "closed" Facebook Group. The purpose of the group is to let others know about things we have available to share with or give to others, or let

others know about things we need help with. The group will start with Circle members and then other can be added later.

Suzanne Brown will post copies of the recipes members brought today on the website. She also reminded us that the website login is our email address and password is *circle*. Email Suzanne if you have trouble getting on the site, which is www.annisquamsewingcircle.org. The blog site, which anyone can access, is www.annisquamsewingcircle.net.

The meeting was adjourned at 2:42 p.m. to tea. Tea hostesses were Connie Mason, Deb Bird, Chicki Hollett and Donna Davis.

Respectfully submitted,

Vicki Bourneuf