

Annisquam Sewing Circle  
Meeting Minutes  
March 14, 2017

The meeting was called to order at 1:38 p.m.

Minutes from the February meeting were read and approved.

Treasurer Nancy Martin reported that we have \$10,776.58 in bank. She also reported that thank you notes have been received from all who received a Sewing Circle donation. A motion to accept the Treasurer's Report was made and unanimously approved.

There were no Sunshine, Membership or Scholarship reports.

Suzanne Brown reported that recipes brought to the last meeting have been posted on the website. Recipes can still be added to the site. Email them to Suzanne. Deb Bird asked that kitchen tips shared at the last meeting also be added, which Suzanne will do.

Suzanne reported that the ASC Sharing Facebook Group is only open to Circle members. The purpose of the group is to provide a place members can share items and ask for help from one another. There is no money exchange and only group members can see one another's posts.

Deb opened the discussion about the upcoming Plant Sale and possible dates. She shared Plant Sale figures from the past couple years, including 2016, which grossed \$8,318 and netted \$2,277.

If we hold the sale early again this year, it will be on May 13<sup>th</sup>. Because it is the day before Mother's Day, it could be an incentive to buy more. Stevie Neal noted that the downside of the earlier date is less inventory from which to choose, but nurseries may be better stocked because of Mother's Day. Deb asked everyone to save May 13<sup>th</sup>. The date will be finalized when Bonnie Angus can weigh in on it.

Deb suggested selling small bouquets, like those sold at the Sea Fair, for Mother's Day. Stevie thinks it is a good idea and we should probably do it. Native plants from members' garden are always popular and sell well. Let Donna, Deb, Stevie or Bonnie know if you need help digging up plants for the sale from your garden.

Gigs Cunningham and Susan Harris volunteered to head the Plant Sale bake table.

Deb recommended investing in new signage. The consensus was that it's a good investment.

Deb reported that to date \$550K has been raised for the Willmann Project. Just under \$100K needs to be raised to reach the \$650 goal. Please continue to spread the word.

The remainder of the meeting was a "Close to Home" information exchange. Highlights include:

The auditorium was filled for the celebration of Grace Murray's hat exhibit at the Cape Ann Museum. . Suzanne will put pictures on our public website. Steve Harris will post his video of the event on the Village Hall website.

Cynthia Borghesani described nippers, which many women knit for fishermen when the Sewing Circle was founded. Made from and stuffed with wool, nippers protected the fisherman's hands when fishing line slipped through them

Two new restaurants in the area worth trying are Superfine Food in Manchester and Feather and Wedge in Rockport.

John Perry's book about Singapore was recently published.

Sandra Williams is having a reading of her new book on April 21<sup>st</sup>?

Heather Atwood who writes the Gloucester Daily Times "Food for Thought" column will be our guest speaker at the May meeting. She is also the author of a cookbook, *In Cod We Trust* and a regular contributor to the online magazine, *The Other Cape*

The meeting was adjourned at 2:33 p.m. to a tea hosted by Maureen Quine, Anthea Brigham, Linette French and Judy Juncker.

Respectfully submitted,

Vicki Bourneuf