

**ANNISQUAM SEWING CIRCLE MEETING MINUTES
TUESDAY, APRIL 10, 2018**

The meeting was called to order at 1:35 p.m.

Treasurer Nancy Martin reported that we currently have \$25,513.63 in the bank. The Treasurer's report was accepted by a unanimous vote.

Gigs Cunningham filled in for Secretary Vicki Bourneuf who was unable to attend the meeting. The minutes of the February 13, 2018 meeting were read and accepted by a unanimous vote.

Sunshine Chair Emily Murphy was not present. Deb asked if anyone needed "sunshine." Martha Hooper reported that Mary Flaherty was steadily improving and that she greatly appreciated all of the cards, concern, and flowers. Annie Sinkinson reported that her sister, Nannie, is at Seacoast. The Circle will send flowers. Bob Borghesani and Al Robinson are both at home with Hospice care.

Annie Sinkinson, Membership Chair, proposed Rosalie Hughes for membership. She has summered in Annisquam for over 40 years and is now a year-round resident. She has participated in many Village events and enjoys creating crafts, as well as baking and gardening, and has worked with the Village Players for many summers. She was unanimously voted in as a new member. We now have 53 Active Members, 17 Associate Members and 5 Honorary Members.

Hospitality Chair, Dottie Roeske, thanked today's tea hostesses: Lida Bernard, Lyn Fenollosa, Judy Gustin, and Mary Warner.

Sue Willis, Finance Chair, updated the list of charities who have requested money from the Sewing Circle. Thus far, the list includes:

Gloucester Education Foundation

Wellspring

Gloucester High School Docksiders

Mt Adnah Cemetery

The Annisquam Village Hall

North Shore Symphony Youth Outreach

Annisquam Village Library

Pathways

Annisquam Village Church

Backyard Growers

Cape Ann Animal Aide

Annisquam Village Players

YMCA

Carolyn Rogers, Scholarship Chair, reported that four applicants have applied for a scholarship and all have met the April 15th deadline. The applicants are: Jared Gilman, Alex Olson, Ted Moskal and Ava Trotman.

Publicity Chair, Deb Michel, needs the date and time for the Spring Plant Sale in order to continue her work creating posters and spreading the word to the community about the sale.

Suzanne Brown reported that there are no changes on the website.

She also was asked to come up with some possible new ideas for items to be sold at the ASC Plant Sale. Her suggestions included: Planting "Cat Grass," baking dog biscuits and packaging them with the recipe, and making small birdseed hangers.

PLANT SALE

Bonnie Angus had requested that the ASC Plant Sale be held on Saturday, May 19th, but this is the same day the Celebration of Life for Nancy Bornhofft will be held in the Village Hall after her funeral service. After some discussion, it was decided that we will try holding the **Plant Sale** on **Sunday, May 20th** from **11:00 to 2:00**.

The following were some suggestions of possible items to sell in addition to Suzanne Brown's:

Small teacups with plants

Sell succulents (Some in the teacups.)

Plants from members' gardens

Bright colored baseball hats

Possibly sell coffee along with muffins or pastries

Garden gloves with SQM on them

The Bake Sale needs greater support from members if it is going to be a good source of funds for the ASC. Sue Harris and Gigs Cunningham volunteered to Co-chair the Bake Sale.

Lyn Fenollosa suggested the idea of possibly having a plant swap among members at one of our meetings.

The members were treated to a fabulous talk by co-president Donna Caselden's friend, **Julia Fox Garrison**. Since the publication of *Don't Leave Me This Way (or when I get back on my feet you'll be sorry)* Julia has become a national speaker, advocating for integrating humanity in all professions. She spoke of her life after a massive brain hemorrhage and paralyzing stroke. Her inspirational talk was both informative and highly entertaining, and was thoroughly enjoyed by all who were fortunate enough to have heard her speak!

The meeting was adjourned at 2:44 p.m. and was followed by a delicious tea.

Respectfully submitted,

Gigs Cunningham, on behalf of Vicki Bourneuf