

November 6, 2012

President, Carol Stearns called the meeting to order with a reading of the minutes followed by a note from Pam Saylor. Pam so eloquently expressed her gratitude to the villagers who have graced their family through so many acts of love and kindness. Emily has resumed a more normal life and has returned to school.

The Circle has \$23,519 in the treasury – 615 dollars from the sale of 41 cookbooks at the Exchange.

Joan Collier reports that Carol Pearce is feeling fine after recovering from a sprain. Joyce Novak is doing well in her soft cast and will be returning to the village by the end of the month.

Bonnie Angus, chair of the greens department reported that wreaths will be delivered from Wolf Hill by 9am on the 26<sup>th</sup>. She encouraged members to gather juniper, holly spruce and boxwood to be dropped off at the barn door. Decorated 12” wreaths will sell for \$25 - \$35 for 16” wreaths and specialty bows will cost an additional \$10. Lyn Fenollosa and Jill Lovejoy will orchestrate the making of boxwood trees and centerpieces.

Finance committee chair, Mimi Emmons reminded us of our mission as a charitable organization with the village as our first priority. She then outlined the gift requests presented to her thus far.

Betsey Colby would like us to consider the Gloucester Writers Center whose programming includes weekly outreach workshops for women and teens.

The Cape Ann Symphony was proposed in support of the variety of programs presented to the students of Gloucester and Cape Ann. Mimi recapped the presentation of Courtney Richardson on behalf of the Cape Ann Museum – highlighting the program that focuses on people with memory loss and Alzheimer’s.

Next we were treated to the beautiful creations of Donna Caselden, Jill Carter and Suzanne Brown that will adorn the craft table and silent auction.

Publicity chair, Germaine Fritz had the fair posters ready for distribution. The poster will be formatted for emailing to acquaintances and friends. Stevie Neal said that the Village Players has an account with SeaArts that can be used to publicize the fair. The church bulletin and Good Morning Gloucester were mentioned as publicity venues. Stevie volunteered to place the fair information boards in strategic places around town.

Deb Bird, gourmet table chair coached us on presentation and ingredient labeling. When asked about food items Deb made it clear that *delicious* sells.

Suzanne Brown thanked her committee for their work and creativity. The baskets are all set.

Members were reminded to sign up for the luncheon and Connie Mason circulated the sheet for preorders of her yummy casserole.

The meeting was adjourned to a lovely tea hosted by Mimi Emmons, Judy Gustin, Mary Warner and Debbie Ebeling

Respectfully submitted,  
Pippy Giuliano  
Recording Secretary