

Annisquam Sewing Circle

Minutes of the March 12, 2013, Meeting

President Carol Stearns called the meeting to order.

Minutes of the February 12, 2013 meeting were read, corrected and accepted.

Treasurer Nancy Martin reported that thanks to continued cookbook sales, our current balance is \$15,854.80.

According to Sue Willis, Scholarships, no names for scholarship recipients have been submitted and she asked members to think of potential candidates and submit their names by the end of April. Each recipient receives \$1,000 for the freshman year only of college. To clarify policy, Sue explained that although \$5,000 is budgeted each year for scholarships, any remaining funds are not rolled over into the following year's scholarship budget. In response to a question of whether or not a non-resident church member could be granted a scholarship, it was noted that this issue has been discussed previously and that only Annisquam residents are eligible.

Germaine Fritz is preparing the publicity for the annual Plant Sale, to be held the Saturday of Memorial Day weekend (May 25) between 8 and 11am. Pam Saylor is happy to head the Bake Sale again and will have sign-up sheets for contributions and volunteers at the next meeting.

A discussion of whether or not the Village Hall association should purchase a generator ensued after mention of an email sent by Patsy Whitlock to Sewing Circle members. She requested comments on reasons for and against a generator in the hall and on members' expectations for the Village Hall's role in an emergency if a generator were purchased. The Village Hall Association has been debating the issue and the leanings are mostly men against and mostly women for the purchase. The Association is not considering a self-starting generator because of cost. Natural gas is already in use at the hall, so fuel source is not an issue. With the possibility of more extreme weather comes the risk of more power outages. Good Neighbors has a program organized to check on neighbors in emergencies and is compiling a list of snow blowers, generators, and other equipment which would be useful in an emergency. A group was organized several years ago called ACE, to establish contacts within the community and provide information for emergency help. Ron Beck and Dave Pearce can provide information about another group called CERT, Community Emergency Response Team, which has a list of the locations of the village's fire hydrants. The Yacht Club has a list of emergency precautions on its website and it was suggested that these be printed and given to all Sewing Circle Members.

President Stearns asked for volunteers to deliver flowers after the Easter Church Service. The flowers will be delivered to the Church with recipients' names on them.

Judy Juncker purchased the flowers and delivered them to the Church last year. Contact Judy for information about the flowers, the list of recipients, and any potential candidates for the flowers. Ann Roewer was mentioned as a candidate and we were assured that she is on the list.

It was noted that Sharon Russell passed away recently and a request was made for cookies or other finger food for the collation after the memorial service on March 23rd.

Our President announced that she would be away until March 26th, but available after that. The next Sewing Circle meeting will be on April 9th.

The meeting was adjourned.

Thanks were given to our hostesses Deborah Bird, Vicki Bourneuf, Donna Caselden, and Holly Perry who spoiled us with delicious treats, Irish coffee, and a Pot of Gold.

Respectfully submitted,

Debbie Ebeling