

November 5, 2013

President Carol Stearns opened the meeting by calling for minutes recorded by Debbie Ebeling. Debbie's thorough minutes were unanimously approved.

Finance chair Mimi Emmons informed the members that interest in our charitable contributions has already been made known to her.

Carol called upon membership chair Martha Hooper who welcomed our newest member, Donna Davis.

On to the fair and those tantalizing chicken tetrazzini casseroles that can be ordered in advance for \$12. Our chef Connie Mason has sign up sheets for your contribution of chicken, tossed salad, jelly salad or pie. Connie will send a postcard reminder as we approach the fair date, December 7<sup>th</sup>. Improvising may be needed to juggle the warming of the casseroles for the single luncheon seating. Village ovens stand in readiness.

Lunch will be priced at \$15. Please make your lunch reservations with Linette French. Floor walkers and sales ladies, Carol suggests that you wear a pretty apron.

22 baskets have been spoken for according to Suzanne Brown. Her committee will transform the contents into lovely baskets that fair goers look forward to. Suzanne has been photographing craft items that she posts on the Sewing Circle blog. Take a look at the blog which is informative and beautiful.

Jackie Littlefield reminded us of our 3 grab donations: 2 adult and 1 child. Please indicate: male, female and for children their age and gender. An additional animal grab is most welcome. Again, please label so Jezebel will not be disappointed when she opens the grab meant for Fido.

The lovely fair posters were distributed. For clarification, Carol will send an email noting the expectations for members and schedule regarding the fair.

The meeting was soon adjourned to allow time for our guest speaker, Julie LaFontaine from the Open Door Cape Ann Food Pantry. The Open Door services 1 out of 6 Gloucester families by; providing meals, access to the food pantry, distribution of fresh produce to schools, senior centers and subsidized housing complexes.

Over the years the Sewing Circle has made donation to the Open Door a priority. Please consider bringing food items to the Village Church. There are many ways to contribute to the Open Door.

Tea was graciously served by: Judy Friend, Jackie Littlefield, Hazel von Rosenvinge and Jill Lovejoy

Respectfully submitted,  
Pippy Giuliano  
Recording Secretary