

January 14, 2014

Vice President, Ann Mannle presided over the meeting in Carol's absence.

Nancy Martin updated us with a financial report that was voted on and approved. The treasury currently holds 21,035.50 dollars.

The following is a break down of proceeds from the Christmas Fair:  
The Fair grossed 14,736.50 – the net profit was **9,366.36** after expenses of 5,369.64.

Christmas Fair 2013		Christmas Fair 2012	
Crafts	1775	Crafts	1734
Gourmet	911	Gourmet	1015
Greens	8532	Greens	8117.50
Wine	51	Wine	127
Cookbooks	330	Cookbooks	180
Grabs	197	Grabs	195
Baskets	477	Baskets	825
Casseroles	780	Casseroles	840
Lunch	1140	Lunch	1140
Jewelry	543	Jewelry	606
		S. Auction	485
Gross	14,736	Gross	16,657
Net	9,366	Net	11,238

As a point of clarification, there was one luncheon served. Also, the cost of ingredients for food preparation was up this year.

Mimi Emmons chair of the Finance Committee presented the 9 gift recommendations voted upon by the committee totaling twelve thousand dollars. The Finance Committee members include the President, past President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, Scholarship Chair, and Finance Chair. Mimi reviewed the philosophy of giving first to the immediate community then to the community of Gloucester. The Annisquam Village Church receives a yearly donation restricted to maintenance and upkeep. The church is an important historical structure which marks the entrance to the village. Its preservation behooves us all.

In the past, the Circle has made contributions to Haiti Projects and aide in the aftermath of Hurricane Katrina. Backyard Growers recently received a ten thousand dollar grant. The committee will revisit their request next year. Two thousand dollars is held in reserve for the scholarship fund. The Circle Members voted in favor of the 2013-2014 gift recommendations.

Scholarship Chair, Sue Willis received an email from a student interested in applying for a scholarship.

Martha Hooper updated the members on Sandy Andrew's recovery.

Martha gave her report that included a change of involving the move of two members to the associate category. This made room for three new members. Currently, there are 54 regular members, 17 associates and 6 honorary members.

Martha reported that regrettably Jen Gabbay had to resign. Jen would like to be re-considered for membership at a later time.

Dee Dee Sargent presented Barbara Campbell for membership Barbara has lived in Annisquam for 53 years and is ready to knit, cook and garden on behalf of the Sewing Circle. It was no contest – Barbara is our new member.

Next, Lee Cunningham was presented for membership.

Lee had a list of accolades a mile long from Essex County Green Belt to her much sought after jewelry. With a vote of approval, Lee has joined the ranks.

Arolyn Garnell was introduced for membership. Arolyn has been very active in community projects such as the Sea Fair, the church pageants and costuming for the Village Players. Arolyn was approved for membership.

The meeting was adjourned to a lovely holiday tea hosted by Lida Bernard, Vicki Bourneuf, Linette French and Connie Mason.

Respectfully submitted,  
Pippy Giuliano  
Recording Secretary