

February 11, 2014

President, Carol Stearns presided over the meeting attended by a few Winter Robins who decided to stay in the Village.

We were updated on the progress of Sandy Andrew and Claire Norton.

The minutes were approved with two amendments regarding a single seating at the Christmas luncheon and higher food costs.

Nancy Martin updated us with a financial report that was voted on and approved. After distributions, the treasury currently holds 11,578 dollars. A copy of the program from the Cape Ann Symphony credited the Sewing Circle as a supporter. Among others, Nancy received several letters of appreciation from Juni Van Dyke at the Rose Baker Senior Center. Carol read a letter from Sue Harris thanking everyone for their cards and visits to Janice Harris who celebrated her 94th birthday.

Carol introduced new members Barbara Campbell, Arolyn Garnell and Lee Cunningham.

Carol asked for some reflections on the Christmas Fair. Donna Caselden remarked that knitted goods are very salable but we should consider fashions that appeal to kids; for example fingerless gloves. Coats for dogs is a popular item. Viki Bourneuf said Jewelry was priced to sell and their set up against the wall was an improvement from last year. As doors opened, dealers, swooped in again. Whatever was left will go to the Exchange or to the Sea Fair.

Suzanne Brown reported that baskets should be kept small. For example, wine and nuts make practical hostess gifts.

Deb Bird reported on the gourmet table. Dog biscuits, chocolate cookies, ginger bread and chocolate sauce were best sellers. Deb suggested that we have a meeting dedicated to brainstorming for next year's fair. It might be beneficial to break into small groups. Save your magazines and peruse Pinterest in preparation.

Please encourage neighborhood seniors to apply for a Circle scholarship.

The meeting was adjourned to a lovely tea hosted by Debra Bird, Germaine Fritz, Donna Caselden and Sandy Andrew.

Respectfully submitted,
Pippy Giuliano
Recording Secretary