

May 13, 2014

President Carol Stearns opened the meeting with a call for the treasurer's report. Nancy Martin reported that the treasury holds 11,653 dollars.

Arolyn Garnell read the minutes of April 15th which she so graciously agreed to record. The minutes were approved with a change to the tea hostesses.

A date for the annual meeting has not been decided. We are looking forward the Annisquam Yacht Club for the June meeting with a date to be determined.

Scholarship Chair, Sue Willis reported that we have two scholarship applicants; Kristen Saylo and Ian Kennedy. Karen is active in student government, sports and charities while holding a full time job. She intends to pursue studies in computer science. Ian takes advance placement classes at the HS, plays sports and is a member of ROTC. Ian lives on Bennett St. The membership decided to take a vote on the scholarship funding rather than wait until the annual meeting. The student's request for scholarships was unanimously approved. There was a question about scholarship eligibility if a child's parents are separated while one resides in Annisquam. The consensus indicated that the student would be eligible.

Membership Chair, Martha Hooper reported that we have one person on the waiting list for membership. Judy Gustin asked if she were to become an associate member would that allow room for an active member. Judy declared herself an associate member thus opening a space. Sunshine Chair, Joan Collier sent a card to Tom O'Keefe who is back at home.

Plant Publicity Chair, Germaine Fritz reported on the promotional aspects of this year's plant sale. Germaine circulated the laminated posters and smaller print posters featuring the appealing design of Rose-Marie Glen. To assure wide coverage, members were asked to designate the location where they would post the sign. Germaine suggested that people remove the signs after the event.

Bonnie Angus, Chair of the plant sale acknowledged that indeed a plant sale would take place Saturday of the Memorial Day weekend. Members were asked to sign up for work shifts. Volunteers were asked for to assist with the set up. Garden specimens were requested in advance for labeling and pricing. A sheet for special plant orders was passed around. The viability of Impatiens was discussed.

Deb Bird, Co- chair of the gourmet bake table asked members to sign up indicating a sweet or savory item for contribution to the bake table. The popularity of cookies and brownies were underestimated the previous year. In response to questions, Deb, replied bring something you would want to buy and several voices chimed in, and buy it! Items should be labeled if they contain nuts.

Carol led the group in a moment of silence in honor of Louise Gustafson who passed away. Members paid tribute to Louise by recalling her devotion to the community and her devotion to the Circle as treasurer for 20 years. Louise graciously hosted the annual meeting for many years. Her generosity was limitless. Louise's jellied salad was the high point of the Christmas luncheon. The members of the Sewing Circle are sad to lose a dear friend.

Carol reminded us of the auction at the annual meeting. Everyone had our annual laugh as we recounted previous auction items; the bar of used soap and the partially used address book. The meeting was adjourned to a lovely tea hosted by Martha Hooper, Tartie Bishop, Mary Pope and ...

Respectfully submitted,

Pippy Giuliano, Recording Secretary