

January 13, 2015

ASC Minutes

Meeting called to order at 1:38 p.m.

Minutes from the last meeting were read and approved.

Treasurer Nancy Martin reported that the balance of the Sewing Circle bank accounts is \$22,785.24. The Christmas Fair grossed \$14891.76. Expenses were \$5,342.37 for a net profit of \$9,549.39.

Nominating, Hospitality and Publicity committees had nothing to report.

Suzanne Brown reported that she talked to Steve Harris, willing to do whatever we want with regard to the Web site. However, we need to decide what we want/need from him beforehand. She asked members to think about what we want on the public and private sections of the site. Sandy Andrew proposed establishing a committee to determine what we want. Judy Junker, Vicki Bourneuf and Arolyn Garnell volunteered. There was discussion about possible updates and additions to the site.

Scholarship had nothing new to report, except a number of applications will be coming in soon. About four to five applications are anticipated.

Membership reported that Grace Murray is moving to associate membership. She has been member since 1940s and related a great story about members serving the Leonard Club men. Wendy Banks, a 14-year Squamer and active community member, was proposed for membership. A motion to was made, seconded and unanimously approved to accept the proposal. We currently have 55 active and 18 associate members and two slots open for associate members.

Ann read the minutes from the December 15 Christmas Fair Recap Meeting, which she also distributed to everyone via email.

Mimi Emmons reported we're giving away \$10K this year based on recommendations submitted by members and thanked the Finance Committee for their work determining how to distribute the money. The goal is to give to the immediate Cape Ann community first and others as suggested. Scholarships were capped at \$1,000 each. Mimi reviewed the list of proposed gifts and discussion ensued. She stressed that we give different amounts to different organizations each year and try to accommodate requests in a fair way. A motion to accept the Finance Committee's recommendations was made, seconded and unanimously approved.

Ann Mannle reported that permission has been granted for Michigan State University to include a 1940s Sewing Circle cookbook in their "What America Ate" project, which is funded by the National Endowment for Humanities.

The meeting was adjourned at 2:50 p.m. to a delicious tea hosted by Linette French, Connie Mason, Ellen Stone, and Betsy Colby.

Respectfully Submitted,
Vicki Bourneuf