

November 10, 2015

President Ann Mannle opened the meeting and called on Mimi Emmons to introduce the guest speaker from the Cape Ann Animal Aid. Rebecca Bayliss talked a bit about the new facility in West Gloucester and invited everyone for a visit as her guest. The organization is part of a network that transports animals to Cape Ann from around the country. Animals who remain with them for some time or cats 6 years and older have adoption fees waved. All animals are spayed or neutered before they are adopted. Cape Ann Animal Aid remains a no-kill shelter. The shelter is one of the Sewing Circle's favorite charities.

Sitting in for Vicki Bourneuf, Pippy read the minutes of the October meeting which were approved.

Treasurer, Nancy Martin reported \$10,283.24 in the coffers. Dues totally \$310 was collected with a few members needing to pay up. Ann Mannle has the directories distributed when dues are paid.

Sunshine committee chair, Judy Guston reported that all is quiet at present. Membership chair, Martha Hooper reported 4 openings; 2 active and 2 associate spots not including Sue Willis' proposal of Christine Lunberg who had such an extensive list of accolades and organizational contributions, this secretary was hard pressed to record. Most importantly, Christine is handy at needlework, crafts and cooking. She is ready to jump in and help with the Christmas Fair. Who could ask for anything more? Welcome Christine.

Gigs Cunningham shared the inventive crafts displayed on the table. She reiterated the pricing and labeling directions outlined in the October meeting minutes. FYI minutes are posted on the ASC website under business. Just click on the link.

Finance chair Mimi Emmons has had contribution requests from the Village Hall Association, Wellspring, and the Backyard Growers.

On to the fair and those tantalizing chicken tetrazzini casseroles that can be ordered in advance for \$15. 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 5th. No utensils needed but make sure label your vessels. There will be one seating at noon. Please make your luncheon reservations with Linette French.

Stevie Neal held up the spectacular posters for this year's event which have been printed and are ready for distribution.

Kate Meader asked for volunteers to provide refreshments for our work week leading up to the fair.

Mary Pope and committee request basket items that they will incorporate into lovely baskets that fair goers look forward to. The baskets will be priced at \$30 and under.

Please contact Sandy Andrew with your item for the gourmet table and remember to dress them up with a holiday flare.

Suzanne Brown has been photographing craft items that she posts on the Sewing Circle blog. Take a look at the blog which is informative and beautiful.

Ann will be sending out an email reminder of procedures and responsibilities for all of us and for new members.

Tea was graciously served by: Pat Makin, Wendy Banks, Stevie Neal and Jolen Hentschel.

Standing in for Vicki,
Pippy Giuliano