

ASC Minutes

February 9, 2016

Meeting called to order at 1:37 p.m.

Deb Bird presided in Ann Mannle's absence.

Deb opened the meeting, welcoming new members Christine Lundberg and Chicky Hollet.

Treasurer Nancy Martin reported that we have \$11,814.59 in the bank. This year's donation checks have been mailed and all have been deposited. To date, three thank you notes have been received.

The minutes from January 12 meeting were read and approved with one amendment to change "Greens Fair" to "Christmas Fair."

Nancy Martin distributed a summary of this year's final figures for the Christmas Fair and reviewed and compared each table's income with the previous year's income.

Pat Makin acknowledged that despite all of the work it takes to put on the Fair, it is a great way to bring people together.

Reporting for Greens, Deb Bird suggested and asked members for their thoughts on having a tutorial the first Monday of the Christmas Fair week to help members with tips and tricks for making wreaths. Germaine Fritz suggested that it be for boxwood trees, too. There was a suggestion to keep the huge wreaths really simple so we can finish them quickly.

For the Gourmet Table, Sandy Andrew commented that everything looked great and things sold well with few items unsold. These were given away as part of the raffle. There are certain items, such as Lida's chocolate sauce, that people come back for every year.

Gigs Cunningham thanked members for their work and reported the Crafts Table had an excellent variety, with a lot of "one-of-a-kind" items that impressed customers. The silent auction of Connie Mason's doorstops and Grace Murray's hat made a lot of money. Gift baskets, bunnies and Annisquam items sold very well. Ornaments did not sell as well. Suggestions for pricing, labeling and noting unsold items to be returned, along with Kerry Kempter's help setting up the display, were extremely helpful and appreciated. If anyone runs into Sue Lannon, please thank her. Without her donation, we would not have children's sweaters. Thank you notes were sent to individuals who donated but are not part of Circle.

Vicki Bourneuf reported that the Jewelry Table did much better this year, probably for a couple of reasons. First, items were individually priced and priced a little higher. Raffling off gold earring and necklace set also generated an additional \$260. Questions for next year are whether to allow dealers to buy and sewing circle members to shop early.

Connie Mason requested that members please reserve casseroles ahead of time. The only way to make more money on the luncheon and casseroles is to raise prices. We may go up a dollar for lunch next year.

The only way to make more money for Grabs is to raise the price, which is not a good idea.

Deb Bird reported that all is quiet with Membership, Finance and Scholarship.

Judy Gustin has not dispersed any sunshine since last meeting. Hazel Von Rosenving is doing very well, though she is still not ready for guests. She loves cards and notes, though. Vicki Danglemeyer is doing better, but has a long recovery ahead. Cards and letters can be sent to her at Aviv, 240 Lynnfield Street in Peabody. She also loves phone calls.

Grace Murray, who is speeding around in her walker and in very good spirits, is home and hoping to get neck brace off so she can knit! Val Babson turns 70 on Saturday if anyone wants to send a card.

Suzanne Brown needs pictures for new members. Send pictures to annisquamsewingcircle@gmail.com. Pam Saylor is available to take pictures for those who need one. The information inside the members section of the site has been redesigned but is not yet live. The information is the same, and she is looking to expand on what is currently on the site. Suzanne has her computer if you want to see the new website or if you send her an email, she will provide a link to it. Reminder, the login is your email and the password *circle*,

Deb Bird opened a discussion about the Plant Sale so we are ready to move forward at the March meeting. Last year the sale grossed about \$1400, of which \$500 was from the Bake Sale. There was a question about what happens to plants that are not sold, as well as a suggestion we have fewer plants. Carolyn Roy noted that donated plants should be repotted at least three weeks ahead because they take about 10 days to recover after being potted. Other comments included the problem with plants being received a couple of days early and wilting, and a lack of plant variety.

Typically, the Plant Sale is held Memorial Day weekend a lot of summer people arrive. This year, Memorial Day is 28th. It was suggested that perhaps we hold it on the 21st this year. With closing of the Goose Cove Gardens, the sale fills a void in the local community.

Deb wrapped up the discussion, noting that we will make decisions at the March meeting.

Other Business

Judy Junker needs names and numbers for people who get Easter flowers from the Village Church.

Today's tea hostesses were Connie Mason, Carolyn Rogers, Donna Davis and Deb Bird. Deb suggested that members sit around the meeting circle for a "tea and chat" British style!

The meeting was adjourned at 2:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Vicki Bourneuf