

Annisquam Sewing Circle Minutes September 8, 2015

The meeting called to order 1:37 p.m.

Ann mentioned that it's important to check the attendance list so you are counted for attending meetings. The new ASC Directory is available; there are two corrections: Kate Meader's email should be kfmeader@gmail.com. Carolyn Roy's email is wrenfan@gmail.com (not wrenfane@gmail.com). Dates for this year's meetings are on the back.

Nancy Martin is collecting this year's dues. Please pay her.

This year's slate of officers and committee members was not approved at the Annual Meeting last June. Ann presented this year's slate, except for Nominating, which is still to be determined. It is:

Officers

President-Ann Mannle
Vice President - Donna Casleden
Recording Secretary-Vicki Bourneuf
Corresponding Secretary-Judy Gustin
Treasurer-Nancy Martin

Committee Chairs

Finance-Mimi Emmons
Nominating-TBD
Membership -Martha Hooper
Hospitality-Kate Meader
Scholarship-Sue Willis
Publicity-Stevie Neal and Bonnie Angus
Website Liaison-Suzanne Brown
The slate was accepted with unanimous vote.

Everyone received a copy of the Bylaws. Please review your membership category as a reminder for meeting and workshop requirements.

There was discussion about this year's Christmas Fair. Mary Pope proposed holding an afternoon workshop. Stevie Neal said to schedule what works for the Circle. What's most important is that we get the work done. A decision is not needed yet.

Ann reported that we have 53 Active Members and 18 Associate Members. Jackie Littlefield asked why Associate Members was restricted to 18. Ann checked the ByLaws and the number for Associates is 20 Members. Jackie thinks it dates back to when meetings were held in people's homes. Patsy Whitlock has been made an Honorary Member.

Treasurer Nancy Martin reported that Plant sale only made about \$1000 and about half of this was from the Bake Sale. Nancy has not been able to get in

touch with Bonnie. It's possible that she still has some money that has not been factored in the final number. In the past two years, we made \$1800 and \$2000 respectively. There was discussion about possible reasons this year's amount was so low, including the date. Suggested changes for the future include us potting plants, holding a bake sale only or moving up the date. More discussion is planned for next month's meeting.

Judy Gustin reported that she sent a card to Joyce Novak, who broke a hip and is at Lahey Hospital in Burlington. We will send a plant when gets home. The Nominating report was skipped until Ann discusses possible Committee Chairs with Deb Bird.

We are happy to have Kate Meader and Dottie Roeske back!

Sue Willis, Scholarship, is happy to report that each of this year's scholarship recipients sent us a thank you letter.

Martha Hooper, Membership, is not here today to report.

Mimi Emmons, Finance, says no one has asked for any money yet. Suzanne Brown reported that she and Vicki Bourneuf discussed what content should be on the public section of the Website. There was some discussion about the value of maintaining a public section on the site. Steve Harris continues to host it on his server. The password is the same for everyone – *circle*. The username is your email. You should be able to log in unless you change your email address.

Stevie Neal reported that she and Bonnie Angus will continue to do the publicity for green's fair and will be asking for lots of help.

Gigs Cunningham reminded us think about our Christmas Fair crafts. There was discussion about whether holding the meeting in the Village Hall Library forced us to limit our membership number and whether it would be better to hold the meeting upstairs in the Village Hall. Members agreed that the Library is better, especially in the winter.

Gigs Cunningham asked if Finance set an annual fundraising goal, which has never been done before. There was general agreement that we would like to keep the amount open, rather than set a goal.

Carolyn Roy introduced new member and long-time Annisquammer Wendy Banks. Welcome Wendy.

The meeting adjourned 2:16 p.m. to a tea served by the Board.