

**Garden Club of Harwich
General Meeting – April 5, 2011
Pilgrim Congregational Church
Monbleau Hall**

President Jeanne Tassinari called the meeting to order at 1:04 PM. 110 members were in attendance.

OFFICERS' Reports

President Jeanne Tassinari announced that she had picked out two children's books on gardening to donate to the Brooks Library in memory of our recently deceased members. The flower arrangements for the Cahoon exhibit at Brooks Academy will be done in September vice June. Pearl Fournier arranged to get the sign at Exit 10 put up again. May 13 Design Workshop will be on May baskets. See what's next for Conservation walk details. New Blooming Barrel will be planted in front of Port of Call (we now have 37). Pick up the Newsletter to save mailing costs – this will be the last one mailed. You must pay your dues for 2011 - 2012 by June 7 to be included in the Yearbook.

Secretary's minutes of the March 1 meeting had been distributed by email. They were accepted for file.

Treasurer's Report for the period ending March 31, 2011 had been distributed by email. It was accepted for file (copy attached).

COMMITTEE REPORTS – No formal reports were given.

Updates and/or reviews of activities were provided by the following committees:

Corresponding Secretary Aileen Demeusy filling in for Carrie Wailgum (card sent to Gerie Schumann who had surgery and Thank You note received from Harwich Junior Theater for our donation, **Program** chair Lynne Drummond (this month's program and May Fashion Show), **Membership** chair Sue Hart (introduced and presented a plant to new member, Lois Anne Pelletier), **Nominating Committee** co-chair Dottie Miller (read list of nominees, copy from the Newsletter in attached for the record), **Civic Beautification** (passed sign up sheet for watering), **Tea** co-chair Kathy Willet (passed clip board for June tea).

Plant Sale co-chairs Diane DiGennaro and Sally Cohen gave more details on the plant sale. A letter had gone out via Constant Comment and an article was in the April Newsletter describing the help they need. They asked for volunteers for unfilled positions. Clip boards were at the table for volunteers to sign up. Flyers and plant labels were also at the table. The town has agreed to close Pine Street to traffic. Detailed instructions on how to dig up and pot plants for the sale will be emailed out to members. Plants should be dropped off at Diane DiGennaro's home on Cross Street. Lee Tanner is selling raffle tickets.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS - none

NEW BUSINESS

The Family Pantry is expanding their garden and is looking for garden tools. Sampson Fund Plant sale is on May 14 in South Dennis. Jane Fleming said there is a vacancy on the town Conservation Commission and encouraged GCH members to consider applying.

ANNOUNCEMENTS - none

The meeting adjourned at 1:35 PM.

Respectfully submitted,
Mary Ann Wall, Recording Secretary

Patty Tworek judged the Horticulture competition (spring bulbs, spring perennials)

The program "The Care and Feeding of Hydrangas" by Mal Condon followed the meeting. Copies of his notes will be distributed electronically to all members.