

**November 1, 2011**

**Garden Club of Harwich – General meeting**

**Pilgrim Congregational Church**

President Judie Palleschi welcomed all members and called the meeting to order at 1:04. 115 members were in attendance.

**Officers' Reports**

President Judie thanked Amy Brady and Sue Hart and their respective committees for making the annual Bridge Luncheon a success. In addition, thank you to Patti Tworek and her committee that sponsored a Daffodil bulb fund raiser which quickly sold out, AND thank you to Diane DiGennaro and her committee that orchestrated a successful sale of unusual bulbs during the October general meeting.

Secretary's Report - Judie recommended a motion to waive the oral reading of minutes, suspend the rules and approve the minutes without an oral reading. These minutes are sent by email and made available to members who do not have email. Members voted to waive oral reading of minutes and to accept minutes, with corrections, for file.

Treasurer's Report – was accepted for file.

Wreaths – Past budget was \$1,000. Karen Helliwell reports that this year the expense has increased for a total of \$2,300. Membership discussion followed regarding costs, usage of currently owned artificial wreaths, and does the treasury have enough to cover expense. A vote was taken, and passed, to increase the budget for this year.

President Judie announced that Elaine Sampson and Kathy Willet were selling tickets to support a fundraiser for the Children's Center – please check in with them at the back of the room to support this important endeavor.

**Committee Reports** – Membership – Susan Pleines welcomed new members Jane Martin and Bonnie Rhieman, President Judie welcomed and encouraged them to become actively involved. Design Workshop – Jeanne Sidoli reports that the Thanksgiving workshop is booked and to sign up for December. This is an opportunity to not only learn how to floral design but to take home something beautiful! Holiday Boutique – Laurel Ferry encouraged all to assist as much as possible. The event is Dec. 2 from 5-9. For baked goods, be sure to “jazz’ up the presentation of goodies, label what it is and if gluten free, has nuts etc. Drop off starts at 10:00 AM. Bernadett Snowden request donations of items to be sold at the “Children’s Table” for \$1.00. Please drop off by Nov. 27<sup>th</sup> to her home. Sandy Concannon, laurel Ferry and Jeanne Sidoli welcome your help! Feel free to contact them. December 13<sup>th</sup> Luncheon – Mary Ann Wall reminds people to send all 10 checks together if reserving an entire table. Everything is set and ready to go! HGC info – Geri Shuman has offered to assist with mailing information to those who do not have email. Contact Peg Erdlen if your email changes/ to date only 68% open up their HGC email postings. The Garden Club Federation of Massachusetts – Karen Helliwell and her

committee has sent out a “Blast” requesting membership input and questions regarding HGC joining the “Federation”. To date, six members have responded. During the next Executive Board Meeting of the HGC, the president of the Federation will attend to address member concerns. Please send your inquiries to Karen. Corresponding Secretary – A “Blast” was sent with the extensive list of all correspondence. Next meeting, correspondence will be shared.

The meeting adjourned at 1:33.

Respectfully Submitted,

Sally Cohen, Recording Secretary.

The program “hollies Around the World” by Bill Cannon followed the meeting.

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