

January 3, 2012

Garden Club of Harwich – General Meeting

Pilgrim Congregational Church

Before the meeting today, the members enjoyed a pot luck luncheon which included a delicious variety of quiche, salads and desserts so yummy they could not be passed up! The members invited guests and based on the lively conversation it appears a good time was had by all.

President Judie Palleschi welcomed all members and called the meeting to order at 1:00. 86 members were in attendance and 4 guests registered although there seemed to be a few more!

Judie thanked Alma Davis, Pat Hirtle and their committee who created this wonderfully delicious event!

Secretary's Report –The minutes for the November and December meetings were accepted for file.

Treasurer's Report – President Judie explained the correction made on the "income" side. She will share the Christmas Boutique specifics at next meeting. This report was accepted, as is, for file.

Committee Reports – Membership – Susan Pleines announced that there are three new members, Trish Peterson, Christine Johnston and Mary Lou Cahalane and introduced the latter two. **Holiday Luncheon** – President Judie thanked the coordinating team for their party planning success. Maise Wall announced that some items had been left behind, a snowman and black Isotoner gloves. **Holiday Boutique** – Laurel Ferry thanked all who contributed to its success. **Plant Sale** – Sally Cohen announced that preparations have begun and will be calling on all members for help. The theme will be unveiled during the February meeting. **Scholarship** – Jackie Leach announced that a scholarship has been given to Ian Milligan and a second student will be receiving his once grades are reported. **Holiday Wreaths** –Linda Felice iscollecting the bows and shells. President Judie thanked she and her team for their contribution. **Wreaths** – Karen Helliwell is organizing a wreath removal on Saturday, January 7.Hank Janson has generously offered his time to coordinate their removal...calling all husbands to help! Calling all members to assist in removal of bows! Please arrive at the Chamber of Commerce at 9AM to assist with wreath removal and 10AM for bow removal. Many thanks to those who attached the decorations and to the following teams that put them up. Dottie and Gary Miller, Nancy and Mike Jones, Sue and Tab Mills, Joan and Jim Hudson, Cathy and Bill Dillon.**Civic Beautification** – GerieShumann requests that each garden chair person report to her on what their needs will be from the town. **Tea** –Alma Davis passed a clip board around for food sign up for the Tea on February 7 @ 12:00.

Horticulture Sweepstakes –Diane DiGennaro, with the assistance of Irene Mitchell as judge, ran our first horticulture sweepstakes of the season. Today's topic was House Plants. As part of this program, Diane encourages entrants to share any special stories that may relate to the entry. She also encourages future entries and recommended that we look on page 12 of our "year book" for guidelines. Diane thanked Irene for kindly helping her at the last minute and doing such a terrific job! And finally, she

reminded us of the upcoming Aroma Therapy Workshop on February. Sign up at today's meeting and in February!

President Judie announced the birthday of Rosie Landis who was her sponsor for membership. The entire organization sang a lovely rendition of Happy Birthday!!!

New Business – Discussion was opened up to the membership regarding the joining of the Garden Club Federation of Massachusetts in order that we, as a club, can seek their assistance to procure not-for-profit/charitable organization status and to benefit from the many programs they offer.

After answering all questions presented, a balloted vote was taken.

The results were 79 voted. 72 yes/ 7 no.

President Judie will begin the process for our club to become a member. She thanked everyone for their hard work in learning about the Federation and for providing opportunities for members to become educated with the results.

The meeting was adjourned at 1:50.

Respectfully Submitted,

Sally Cohen, Recording Secretary

ATTENTION!!!

Our Meeting Location has CHANGED for good

New Location

Christ Church Episcopal

Rte 28/Harbor Rd.

Harwich Port

See you there on February 7! TEA @ 12:15

