

January 2014 MINUTES

The Jeanes/Karabots Library in Whitemarsh on Tuesday, January 14, 2014

President Linda Anderson called the meeting to order at 10:30 a.m. and thanked Diane McCallister as Chair and Nancy Miller, hostess, for the meeting.

Minutes

Linda commended the library's new native species garden, and then, given the weather-induced cancellation of the December meeting, asked for approval of the November Minutes (written by the estimable Wendy Calhoun). The Minutes were duly approved, with no amendments or corrections.

Financial Report

Laura Mitchell brought the glad tidings of solvency, in the amount of \$7,435.19 in cash and a grand total in the accounts of \$49,051.65. This news spawned cries of "Give it away!" from charitably-inclined Weeder. Beth Bartle explained the expenditure of \$502.72 for the Fall Flower Show.

Committee Reports

Conservation

Nancy Evans announced that 30 of the 84 Weeder responded to her composting survey, and that most did compost food scraps and garden waste. Many more members noted guilt for not doing more. She said that Goodwill Industries (not Salvation Army) will take stained clothes for recycling. Planet Aid has yellow clothes bins in many suburban parking lots to receive this type of donation. Go online to find the closest bin location. Nancy gave a plug to Richard Nixon for the passage of the many environmental acts we now take for granted; Endangered Species, Environmental Protection; Clean Water, and the National Environmental Policy. Conservation quick notes: One third of all food in the U.S. gets discarded; batteries can be disposed at Plymouth Meeting Whole Foods. Further discussion revealed that only nickel cadmium batteries require recycling. Others can go in the regular trash! Yay! Styrofoam can be recycled in Philadelphia. Mexico is beginning its own recycling efforts to the consternation of their garbage collectors!

Lloyd Brown pointed out an article from the San Francisco Chronicle noting the power of the Garden Club of America saying that the GCA's support is a helpful component of any major environmental initiative.

Fertilizer Fund

Sonya Driscoll stated that the Weederdom is slipping behind in its participation levels; any amount given is welcome. The percentage of our membership contributing is very important to the success of the Fund. So any remaining laggards, haul out your checkbook!

Horticulture/Photography

Melissa Bullitt reminded us that entries for the Club Photography Show are due at the February Weeder Meeting. The entries will be judged off-site on February 20th and displayed at our March evening meeting. Melissa added that the judges like unusual specimens, and off-center perspectives. All information is found in your Weeder book and on our website.

Announcements

Reggie Thomas, PHS Board member was honored at the Annual PHS Awards Dinner (photo in the latest Green Scene).

Peggy Stevenson's death notice incorrectly said she spent summers in Maine, whereas, she went to Pocono Lake Preserve.

Frenchie Pritchett is recovering from major heart surgery at Abington Hospital. A note was sent to her from The Weeders.

Linda thanked Sheila Mickleson, Director of the Library, for allowing us to use the wonderful new space. Tours of the facility will be offered after the meeting.

Program

Diane McCallister introduced Maura McCarthy, Director of Friends of the Wissahickon, who spoke on the organization's Sustainable Trail Initiative, their effort to rebuild 50 miles of trails to better meet the needs of the very disparate user groups, including a recent wave of mountain bikers. The Wissahickon Valley Park consists of 1,800 forested acres, receives 1.1 million visitors a year and boasts 125 bird species. FOW was founded in 1924 and has 1,600 members.

Submitted by

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Recording Secretary

The Weeders Treasurer's Report

January 14, 2014

Cash balance on hand January 14, 2014	\$ 7,435.19
Income since 8/17/13:	
Strafford Neighbors Contribution	477.00
Sale of Name Tags	30.00
PCGCA Flower Show Tips Book	20.00
Refund from GCA (Annual Meeting)	870.09
Dues	130.00
Total Income:	\$ 1,527.09
Expenses:	
Program - Hall and Speakers Fees	276.97

Fall Flower Show Supplies	502.72
Flower Show Judges Gifts	18.89
Website annual fee	39.95
Corresponding Secretary	132.59
Park House Decorations - Strawberry Mansion	290.85
Total expenses:	\$ 1,261.97

Vanguard GNMA Fund account as of
8/30/13 \$ 41,747.88

Total Assets as of December 10,
2013 **\$ 49,081.65**

Respectfully submitted,

Laura Mitchell, Treasurer