

Academy Garden Club Thymes

A NEWSLETTER FOR THE MEMBERS OF THE ACADEMY GARDEN CLUB OF LENOX

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Minutes - February 2025

The Meeting was called to order at 6:05 pm by Jill, President, who asked that the Minutes of the December 2024 meeting and the Treasurer's Reports of December and January be approved as published in our newsletter- The Thymes. They were all unanimously approved. Approximately thirty-four members attended.

Jill next spoke about the meeting of the Executive Committee and its recommendations regarding insurance. She outlined the coverage of the current General Liability Insurance policy and shared information (also mailed) regarding the new additional insurance for Directors and Officers organized by the Garden Club Federation of Massachusetts. The AGC Executive Committee felt that as we have no staff and all our expenditures are voted on by our members, our legal exposure is only frivolous lawsuits. The Directors and Officers insurance, which is an expensive additional insurance, was not recommended by the AGC Executive Committee. By unanimous vote, the AGC members approved the recommendation of the Executive Committee.

Jill then called on Theresa Fasano to discuss the planned pollinators' garden. We learned the soil is more than eighteen inches deep but below the soil there are a lot of wood chips. Several factors were considered: native vs pollinator, annuals vs perennials, price, location of trees and other gardens in the surrounding area, and color. She shared a landscape plan for the garden and asked for input from the members. Tjasa shared that she will have extra Bee Balm seeds if they wish.

Members were asked to sign up for the Smith College Bulb Show on March 5. There was a sheet at the name tag table for signing up.

Before closing Jill thanked Barb and Colette for hosting tonight's Valentine-themed snacks and Sarah praised the Post Office window display.

The meeting ended at 6:15 pm when Dianne introduced Deb Carter, a very talented and creative neighbor, who led our Paper Flower Making Workshop.

Respectfully Submitted,

Sarah Hatch, Secretary