

Minutes of the Second Annual Meeting of New England Garden Clubs, Inc.

Water's Edge Resort, Westbrook, CT.

October 16, 2018

The second annual meeting of New England Garden Clubs, Inc (NEGC) was called to order at 9:20 am. by Director Susan Hinkel.

Protocol Chair, Nancy Donaldson, introduced Director, Sue Hinkel, Secretary, Sue Redden, and Parliamentarian, Andrea Little. Treasurer, Judith Tarbox was unable to attend.

Director Susan Hinkel introduced Suzanne Bushnell, the Immediate Past President of Maine and now the 2019-2021 NEGC Director-Elect who will be installed at the NGC Convention in Biloxi, MS in 2019. She then introduced former New England Directors, Jean-Marie Parkes (MA) 1997-1999; Dee Mozzochi, (CT) 2001-2003; Pamela Hebert (VT) 2003-2005; Joyce Kimball (NH) 2011-2013; Maria Nahom (CT) 2013-2015; Vera Bowen (RI) 2015-2017.

Director Susan Hinkel also introduced the state Presidents: Arlene Field First Vice-President of the Federated Garden Clubs of Connecticut, Suzanne Bushnell, for Judith Tarbox, President of the Garden Club Federation of Maine, Suzanne McCance, the Garden Club Federation of Massachusetts, Joyce Kimball, New Hampshire Federation of Garden Clubs, Blakely Szosz, Rhode Island Federation of Garden Clubs, Pamela Hebert, Alternate NEGC Director and former Director 2005-2007 for Caroline Frey, President of the Federated Garden Clubs of Vermont.

The Invocation was given by Susan Miner, the First Vice-President of the New Hampshire Federation of Garden Clubs..

Andrea Little, Parliamentarian led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America.

In Memorium, Andrea read the names of garden club members who had passed away during the past year. (report enclosed)

Arlene Field, Incoming President of the Federated Garden Clubs of Connecticut Inc. welcomed members to Connecticut.

The Response and Invitation to the next Annual Meeting was given by Susan Hinkel for Caroline Frey, President of Federated Garden Clubs of Vermont Inc. who was unable to attend. Susan announced the 2019 meeting will be held at the Woodstock Inn, Woodstock, Vermont, October 28/29.

The meeting recessed for a short time, so that the presentation of a special trip to Arkansas sponsored by the Federated Garden Clubs of Connecticut could be shown.

The Preliminary Registration Report was given by Registrar, Shirley Hall: 41 members and 1 guest.

Preliminary Credentials Report was given by Chair, Maria Nahom: One Director, 3 state Presidents for a total of 43.

Parliamentarian, Andrea Little read the Standing Rules. The members voted to adopt them.

The Annual Meeting Chair, Karin Pyskaty presented the Meeting Program for adoption. After corrections the Program was adopted.

Presidents, Joyce Kimball (NH) and Blakely Szosz (RI) were appointed to approve the minutes of this meeting.

Hearing no objections, Jane Waugh, was appointed as Page for Susan Hinkel

Sandi Tinyk and Cathy Felton were appointed Timekeepers for the meeting.

Suzanne McCance, President of the Garden Clubs Federation of MA, Inc. reported that the minutes of the 2017 Annual meeting were approved. These minutes may be viewed on our website

Reports of Officers:

Susan Hinkel, NEGC Director read her report (attached)

Judith Stallworth, Assistant NEGC Treasurer for Judith Tarbox, NEGC Treasurer read the Treasurer's Report:

NEGC Financial Status from July1, 2017 through September 30, 2018

General Fund Beginning Balance:	\$26,928.78
Receipts:	\$ 2,044.27
Disbursements:	-\$ 6,830.19
TOTAL:	\$22,142.86
 Restricted Funds- (CD/Money Market)	 \$14,750.61

Balance on Hand September 30, 2018: \$36,893.47

(A detailed Treasurer's report is attached)

Reports of State Presidents

Arlene Field, The Federated Garden Clubs of Connecticut incoming President read a report representing President Inge Venus, who was unable to attend. (attached)

Susan Bushnell, Awards Chairman, The Garden Club Federation of Maine for Judith Tarbox, President. (attached)

Suzanne McCance, President, The Garden Club Federation of Massachusetts (attached)

Joyce Kimball, President, New Hampshire Federation of Garden Clubs (attached)

Blakely Szosz, President, Rhode Island Federation of Garden Clubs (attached)

Pam Hebert, Alternate Director of NEGC for Caroline Frey, President of The Federated Garden Clubs of Vermont, (attached.)

Report of Regional Chairman:

NGC Blue Star and Gold Star Families Memorial Marker Chair, Andrea Little, presented her report.
(attached)

Unfinished Business

Maria Nahom, Vice Chair of the Scholarship Committee presented a proposal to rescind the NEGC scholarship. Reason lack of funds and the fact that many clubs and states have their own scholarships.
(Proposal attached)

Maria made a motion to rescind the NEGC scholarship, the motion was passed.

New Business

Trish Manfredi, Symposium Chair, and CT Judges' Council Chair presented a topic brought up by several New England states Judges' Councils re the problem of holding Symposiums in states with very few judges. (attached) This topic needs more input from all the NE states.

Karin Pyskaty, Meeting Chair introduced the Program speaker Leslie Martino, her subject was
"Community Gardening and CSA Concept"
Meeting was recessed for Awards Luncheon.

Blessing was given by Carmelina Villani, Vice-Chair of the NEGC Annual Meeting.

Return to Order was at 1:30 pm.

NEGC Director, Susan Hinkel gave Awards of Appreciation to:

Karin Pyskaty, Meeting Chair

Carmelina Villani, Meeting Vice-Chair

Shirley Hall, Registrar

and Judith Tarbox, new NEGC Treasurer.

Suzanne Bushnell, NEGC Awards Chair, gave out the awards. (Program attached)

Susan Hinkel, Director, congratulated the clubs and states for their hard work over the past year.
(Awards Program attached.)

The Opportunity Drawing followed.

Final Registration report given by the Registrar, Shirley Hall: 45 members and 2 guests – Total 47

Final Credentials report was given by Credentials Chair, Maria Nahom: Director 1, State Presidents 3, Members 39, Guests 2, Voting Strength = 43

Maria moved that the Final Credentials Report be adopted. The motion was seconded and approved.

NEGC Director, Susan Hinkel, thanked everyone for coming and wished them a safe trip home.

The meeting was adjourned at 2:20 pm. Sine Die

Sue Redden

Sue Redden, NEGC Secretary