

6th Annual Meeting  
New England Garden Club, Inc.  
October 18-19, 2022

The 6th Annual Meeting of the New England Garden Club, Inc. was hosted by the New Hampshire Federation of Garden Clubs, Inc., at The Event Center, Nashua, New Hampshire. Joyce Kimball was the Chairperson of the meeting.

The meeting was called to order at 9:07AM by Suzanne McCance, NEGC Director.

Invocation was shared by Polly Brooks, FGCCT President.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Sheryl Hanson McGookin, RIFGC President.

Honor Tables were introduced by Suzanne Bushnell, Protocol Chair Pro-Tem.

Susan Miner, President of the New Hampshire Federation of Garden Clubs, Inc., presented the welcome.

Response and Invitation to the 2023 Annual Meeting was given by Jill Malcolm, President of the Garden Club Federation of Massachusetts. The meeting will be held October 10th and 11th in a location to be announced and organized and hosted by the Garden Club Federation of Massachusetts.

Ron Trexler, Registrar, presented the Preliminary Registration and Credentials Report as follows: 10 NGC Board Members, 14 NGC Life Members, 1 Regional Director, 6 Former Regional Directors, 11 Regional Board Members, 6 State Presidents, 11 Club Presidents, 45 Club Members, 1 Guest.

Standing Rules for the meeting were presented by Susan Davis, Parliamentarian Pro-Tem. Motion to adopt the standing rules was made by Susan Miner and seconded by Joyce Kimball. Motion carried.

Joyce Kimball, 2022 Meeting Chair presented the Adoption of the Annual Meeting Program.

The Committee to Approve the 2022 Minutes was appointed - Susan Miner, President of NHFGC and Jo Fretz, Co-President of FGCVT.

Page for the NEGC Director, Suzanne McCance, was Winifred Schmidt, President-Elect of NHFGC.

The Timekeepers appointed were Maria Nahom, FGCCT and Susan Hinkel, FGCVT. The allotted time was 3 minutes for the 6 State Presidents to report and 2 minutes for Committees. (President's Reports are attached)

Suzanne McCance, NEGC Director gave her report.

Treasurer's Report was presented by Suzanne Bushnell in the absence of Judith Tarbox. There is one account established by the NEGC for all states to utilize when sponsoring the Annual Meeting in their state. The Treasurer's Report includes sums for Restricted Accounts (used for awards) and General Accounts. The General Operating Account Transactions

includes Income and Expenditures. Awards were not given last year and therefore funds were not used for awardees.

Treasurer Tarbox requested funds in the amount of \$160 be approved to augment current budgeted funds of \$400 to continue the contractual agreement with Just Host, the organization's website host. Motion made by Suzanne Bushnell and seconded by Susan Miner. Motion carried.

The projected budget was presented and voted on. Motion made by Suzanne Bushnell and seconded by Rosalind Spiller. Motion carried.

A written report was prepared by the Treasurer Judith Tarbox and reported on by Suzanne Bushnell and given to the Secretary to become part of the minutes.

The State Presidents presented a report of the membership and activities their clubs have been involved in over the past year. It was noted by several that Zoom meetings have made it possible to continue meeting and have become an accepted format. Individual President's reports are attached.

Regional Symposium Chairperson, Michelle Mensinger, reported on the Northern New England Tri-State Symposium sponsored by the states of Maine, New Hampshire and Vermont on August 22-24, 2022, at the Doubletree Hotel in Manchester, NH. There were 78 in attendance with 12 taking Design Instruction only. Due to some conflicts with other garden club obligations, the attendance was lower than planned but it was considered a huge success with those in attendance having very positive experiences. This symposium had been placed on hold for three years due to Covid.

Vera Bowen led the discussion suggesting that a Symposium should not be planned when New York is having one and that Rhode Island should plan for one either before or after the Annual Meeting.

A **motion** was made: The six states of the NEGC will plan and conduct a Symposium every three years. Motion made by Vera Bowen and seconded by Susan Miner. Motion carried.

Rosalind Spiller spoke to the value of the Penny Pines project and how the funds are positively used to replant areas.

Arabella Dane was recognized for her beautiful photography exhibit and sale.

Certificates of appreciation were presented by Director Suzanne McCance to the following: Joyce Kimball, Meeting Chair; Ron Trexler, Registrar and Arabella Dane, Photography Chair.

Meeting adjourned at 10:30 AM

Final Credentials of the meeting at 1:00PM reported by Registrar Trexler:  
10 NEGC Board Members, 14 NGC Life Members, 1 Regional Director, 7 Former Regional Directors, 11 Regional Board Members, 6 State Presidents, 11 Club Presidents 48 Club Members and 2 guests.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Carol A. Hartnett, NEGC Secretary