

## **Annisquam Sewing Circle Meeting October 18, 2018**

The meeting was called to order at 1:33 p.m.

Wendy Banks opened the meeting reflecting on the number of supportive messages that she and Kate Meader received after the last meeting and importance of our community

Nancy Martin is still collecting dues and has the new directory.

Kate asked if there were any questions about the recent ASC updates she sent to members via email.

The minutes were read and a motion was made and approved to accept them.

Treasurer Nancy Martin reported that a motion was approved at the last meeting to let the Finance Committee determine an amount to donate to families affected by the Lawrence gas-line tragedy. The Committee approved and sent a \$2000 donation to the Greater Lawrence Relief Fund and has received a thank you letter in acknowledgement of the donation.

She also reported that \$245.00 dues has been collected as of the last meeting and that there is \$12,989.50 in treasury. A motion was made and approved to accept the Treasurer's Report.

Sunshine Committee Chair Emily Murphy reported that no cards have been sent for the past 3 weeks. Duncan Nelson, Judd Gale and Hank and Judy Junker need cards

Membership Chair Deb Ebeling was not present at the meeting so discussion of bylaws was postponed until the January meeting.

Kate announced that Mary Pope has resigned and Pam Saylor is moving to Associate Membership. We currently have 50 Active members (5 openings), and 18 Associate members (2 openings).

Hospitality Chair Pippy Giuliano thanked members for signing up for teas. She needs five more people to sign up and asked for volunteers. All days for the Christmas Fair work week are covered. Nancy Martin and Pippy will take care of the first day, as well as coffee and paper goods every day. Hostesses should keep it simple and get there about half hour early. Feel free to contribute even if you're if not signed up for a day. Today's tea hostesses are Mimi Emmons, Emily Murphy, Ann Mannle, Chicki Hollett and Connie Mason

Sue Willis, Finance Committee Chair, also mentioned the Lawrence Relief Fund donation and underscored that our money is well spent.

Reporting for Publicity, Perry McIntosh confirmed Christmas Fair date and time as December 1, 8 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Suzanne Brown has made cards to leave a various places. They do not have the time and date printed on them so we need to add this information before leaving them. They're especially good for places where we cannot leave a poster.

Kate and Wendy led a discussion about the Christmas Fair. Comments included:

Sue Harris is heading the Bows Making Committee

Start collecting pine cones.

Table chairs are as follows:

Grabs: Jackie Littlefield and Ellen Stone

Jewelry: Vicki Bourneuf, Daphne Papp and Donna Caselden

Gourmet: Germaine Fritz – she will need more help.

Crafts: Gigs Cunningham

Luncheon: Connie Mason - This is Connie's last year; she said she was done when she turned 90, which happened this year!

Workshops will be held on October 23 and November 20 in the Village Hall at 12:15 p.m.  
Prep week is the week of November 26<sup>th</sup>.

There was discussion about the Christmas Fair workshops. Kate will send email updates about them.

Kate brought in several Sewing Circle historical records. Website Chair Suzanne Brown will scan and add them to the website.

Lida Bernard showed the ornaments that the 'Needlepoint Ladies' are learning to make with Jill Lovejoy. Everyone was quite impressed!

After the holidays, Suzanne Brown wants to get together to knit squares using old yarn she has collected. She will sew them into a blanket for next year's Christmas Fair.

Let Gigs Cunningham know when your craft is ready. When you leave it, be sure to include your name, how much it should sell for, whether you want it back if it doesn't sell or if it is okay reduce price or donate it. Gigs needs more help. Rosalie Hughes volunteered.

It was reported that the Arts and Crafts Fair was a lot of fun, especially when the group from Brooksby Village arrived. It made just under \$48K before expenses.

Close to Home - Gigs is the new Village Hall Library librarian. Teas start on November 5<sup>th</sup>; you can sign up for teas on wall. The library is open on Mondays from 3-5 p.m.

Today's guest speaker was Lisa Robinson who works with community programs at Wellspring. Lisa distributed a chart of all the ways Wellspring helps people on Cape Ann. She noted she's really here to thank us and shared a few new programs, including a new 15-week, nationally accredited job training program, new accredited classes and the Awesome Closet. Talk to Lisa about volunteer opportunities if you're interested. Talk to Jackie Littlefield about volunteering as a personal shopper at their Christmas Toy Shop.

The meeting was adjourned 2:24 p.m. by unanimous vote.

Respectfully submitted,

Vicki Bourneuf