

**Annisquam Sewing Circle Meeting  
November 13, 2018**

The meeting was called to order at 1:30 p.m.

Treasurer Nancy Martin reported that we have \$11,846.78 in bank. Dues collected to date total \$305.00.

Minutes from the October meeting were read and approved with two corrections.

Martha Hooper reported for Sunshine Chair Emily Murphy that Jackie Littlefield is coming home from the hospital today.

Deb Ebeling had nothing new to report for Membership.

Pippy Giuliano had nothing new for Hospitality. Today's Tea Hostesses are Mary Flaherty, Annie Sinkinson, Rosalie Hughes and Steve Neal.

Perry McIntosh noted that Christmas Fair posters are ready. Vicki Bourneuf volunteered to help her distribute about 40-50 posters around Cape Ann. She also has posters for members to post. Several members asked for them.

Carolyn Rogers is not here to report for Scholarship; however, start thinking about high school seniors who may be eligible for a scholarship this spring.

Website Chair Suzanne Brown reported there was nothing new for the website.

Wendy Banks and Kate Meader led a discussion about the upcoming Christmas Fair. Highlights included:

- Everyone expected to participate in prep week, which starts Monday, November 26<sup>th</sup>, 9 a.m. to noon. Times for the rest of the week are 8 a.m. to noon. Wendy distributed sign-up sheets for the day of the Fair and Gourmet Table donations.
- A couple of bow-making meetings have been held; about 200 will be ready for Fair set up.
- The schedule for greens is the same as in years past.
- Bonnie and Stevie are cutting greens. Feel free to bring additional greens and place them on the tarp out back. Also, collect small pine cones and juniper with berries. There are 200 wreaths to be decorated.
- Tea cups, small decorations for boxwood trees and newspapers are needed.
- Gigs Cunningham thanked to all who brought in their crafts. Bring outstanding items in as early in the week as possible. Gigs can pick up your items if you want her to.
- The Gourmet Table is a big money maker so it's important for everyone to make something for the table. Package items attractively and label if they are gluten-free or contain nuts.
- Please make reservations for the luncheon early and pre order casseroles, which must be picked up on Thursday afternoon. Bring in pies and salads Saturday morning, and chicken on Thursday.
- Donate three grabs – men, women and pets. Grabs should cost no more than \$5. Please label wrapped grabs. A basket for drop offs is in the Leonard Club.
- Kathy Groves donated a box of vintage jewelry in memory of Carol Sterns. A thank you note is being sent to Kathy.
- There is a workshop next Tuesday the 20<sup>th</sup> for wiring pine cones.

- The 'needlepoint ladies' have made beautiful lighthouse ornaments under Jill Lovejoy's tutelage, which will be sold at the Craft Table.

Kate and Wendy met with Rita Teele about working with the Annisquam Historical Society around Circle memorabilia. There is discussion about Rita coming to talk to the Circle in the spring.

'Close to Home' Grace Murray had minor incident and is now home. She would love visitors.

There was a reminder for everyone to carry a few Christmas Fair announcement cards to give out when out and about.

Library teas are held every Monday. A sign-up is posted on the on wall. Gigs Cunningham, the Village Hall librarian, reported that new books are on the way. Send any suggestions for new books to Gigs, as there is money in the budget for new purchases.

The meeting was adjourned at 2:21 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Vicki Bourneuf