

New England Rose Society

Minutes of the February Meeting

Methuen Senior Center, Lowell St, Methuen, MA

February 20, 2016

Meeting was called to order at 10:00 am by Teresa Mosher, president

Members attended-32. Signed paper will be with the minutes.

The Board members were introduced.

Minutes of the last meeting –call for any corrections. There being none, the minutes were accepted.

Treasurer's report-Frank Hopkins gave the report and presented the cash flow. Our assets in Citizen's Bank are \$7, 278.71. .

The following announcements were read by Marlene Norton: Thanks to those who brought refreshments or door prizes. Thank you Sharon for chairing the refreshments.

1. New members present were welcomed: Mary Guagliano, Judy Miller, Pam Murphy and Sandra Zerdelian

2. The 2016 schedule is over on the table. Please pick up one if you don't have one.

3. Next month's meeting will be a 2 hour chemical safety class put together and taught by Barbara Leduc and Craig Dorschel. Everyone is invited to attend. Consulting Rosarians will receive credit. Our regional director Dave Long will also be attending.

4. Information on the Yankee district Spring Convention has been emailed out. It will be held in Newport , RI. It will be a fun filled weekend try to attend.

5. The ARS magazine featured an article by John Mattia from the CT Society encouraging members to become more involved in their rose shows, to learn more about exhibiting roses and growing better roses in their garden. Ask a Consulting Rosarian or Exhibitor to help you.

6. Following today's speaker, there will be an Ask the Expert table. Following that are refreshments and a Board meeting. All are invited to attend.

New Business:

1. Teresa thanked Lee Forsythe for serving as Assistant Treasurer and Treasurer for the past few years.

2. March 16-20th is the Boston Flower Show. Many, Irwin and I will be there on Wednesday and Sunday at 3:00 pm doing talks, a presentation, book signing and giving out membership forms. Help would be welcomed from the membership. Please let Manny or Teresa know if you can help.

3. Teresa has been working on a book and journal for the past 2 years—A Year in My Rose Garden and A Year in My Rose Garden Journal. Andy Venable has been doing editing. The book and journal details month to month working in the garden and more. She will be selling them at the show, garden club meetings, rose shows, nursery events and online. Her website will be available soon: www.purplerosespublishing.com .

4. The previous Sunday, Teresa did an “Easy Rose Care “ talk at Elm Bank for Mass. Master Gardeners, in which she discussed her book and journal. Her talk resulted in 4 new members, and one past member is returning and many more interested. Craig and Edna helped. It was a very positive event for our society.

5. Dave Cannistraro asked the Consulting Rosarians to be more involved.

End of new Business.

The meeting ended at 10: 15am.

Teresa introduced the speaker –Jerry Amoroso, sales representative from Weeks for New England. He is known to many of us. He spoke on the new roses available now and next year and showed slides of all roses. A very interesting and educational presentation! Thank you Jerry!

Ask The Rose Expert table: Jerry Amoroso, Jeannette Danehy, Barbara LeDuc and Lee Forsythe. The discussion centered around mildew, midge and the new roses.

Respectfully submitted,

Marlene Norton, secretary