

New England Rose Society
Minutes of the March Meeting
Methuen Senior Center, Methuen, MA
March 19, 2016

The meeting was called to order at 10:00am by Teresa Mosher, president. Members attended-28, signed in, 41 attended. Signed paper will be with the minutes.

Introduction of Board members: Frank Hopkins, treasurer; Barbara Leduc, deputy treasurer; Marlene Norton, Secretary
Introduction of David Long, our regional director and his wife Sandy.

The minutes of the February meeting were accepted as written.

1. Treasurer's report was read by Frank. Our current value of the is \$7, 230.35

2. Teresa's mother passed away recently. Teresa thanked everyone who sent flowers, cards and mass cards and those who expressed kind words and spent time with her during this difficult time. Thank you.

3. Announcements: Marlene went over the program and what to expect. Our meeting usually ends at 12:00pm but today will be longer because of the chemical safety class. There will be a break half way through the class.

Thank you to those who brought refreshments and/or door prizes. Thank you Sharon O'Connor for chairing the refreshments

Marlene asked for the new members to stand and introduce themselves. Welcome to Mary and Peter Guagliano, and Kathy and Keith Sheehan and Catherine Stone.

Marlene pointed out the 2016 schedules, which were on the back table. She mentioned checking their emails for NERS news and our website www.rosepetals.org for updates.

Marlene went over the Yankee District Convention, which is scheduled April 1-3 and being held in Newport, RI. Mike Chute, Stephen Scanniello, Paul Zimmerman and Cindy and Irwin Ehrenreich are among the speakers. At lunch time Cindy will talk about the Buck Roses.

April 16 is the next meeting. We will be doing an uncovering and pruning demonstration of the roses we planted here at the Senior Center.

The Vice President position is vacant-please see Teresa or Manny if interested.

After the chemical safety class, there will be a brief Ask The Experts and door prizes.

A board meeting will follow. All members are welcome to attend.

4. Teresa shared briefly about her new book and journal that she had been working on for the past 2 years. They are called "A Year In My Rose Garden" and "A Year In My Rose Garden Journal". They can be purchased separately or at a discount for both. Andy Vanable has been doing the editing with Teresa. She thanks him for helping her though this new journey.

The book details month to month of what she does in her garden, what has worked for her for the past 35 years and her personal rose journey, her favorite roses and books, where to purchase roses, photos and much more.

Teresa says” By promoting our love of the rose, it is a great way to increase our membership and I ask you that you help me in welcoming all new members. Thank you!”

5. Teresa: March 16, Manny Mendes and Dave Cannistraro spoke at the Boston Flower Show. Irwin Ehrenreich did a presentation. Cindy Ehrenreich, Edna Charest, Jeannette Danehy and Teresa were there to answer questions and give out information. March 13, Manny, Dave, Pam Murphy and Teresa were there. Thank you to all who helped.

6. Dave mentioned the consulting rosarians must sign in and there will be a meeting with the CR's after the class.

7. Teresa mentioned our rose show in June.

8. She said Andy was editor of the Yankee Newsletter and has done great work with the pictures.

9. Teresa asked if there was any other old or new business. Hearing none, the Chemical safety class was next. She introduced the speakers: Craig Dorschel and Barbara Leduc.

It was an intensive and interesting class on chemical safety! There will be a presentation of the class on the website.

10. Ask the Experts was next followed by door prizes.

11. Meeting was adjourned.

Share Your Roses and Make Someone's Day Special !