

## NOVEMBER 16, 2019 BOARD MEETING

**Members in attendance:** Jeanette Danehy, Karen DeCoster, Craig Dorschel, Cindy Fraser, Jean DiVincenzo, Corinne LaCharite, Barbara LeDuc, Teresa Mosher, Marlene Norton, Sharon O'Connor, Anthony Tortola, Andy Venable. (*Note: Dave Cannistraro joined for last 15 minutes*)

Meeting was called to order at 11:45.

Jeanette began the meeting with a champagne toast to Teresa and a discussion of plans for the January 4 potluck holiday luncheon: (1) It will begin at noon, (2) include a Yankee Swap and (3) with wine. She asked that a notice be sent out with a reminder in mid-December asking members to commit to a dish or wine if attending. Ellie will make table arrangements.

Jeanette asked that all email communication be sent to her email [jeannedanehy@gmail.com](mailto:jeannedanehy@gmail.com) account not her Verizon account.

Jeanette thanked Teresa for “generously” developing the 2020 calendar. She announced that she could not attend the February meeting and that Andy would preside in her absence.

Jeanette acknowledged and thanked Dave Cannistraro for the laptop that he donated for use by the Maria, the NERS treasurer.

With an eye on planning future calendars, there was a discussion about sending out the membership survey to determine what members would like. There was a follow-up discussion about doing so via a Doodle Poll or online survey tool. Karen volunteered to look into that with input from Chu Jung.

A vote was taken and unanimously passed to reimburse Jeanette’s memberships for CT, RI and Cape Rose Societies for a total of no more than 100 for all 3.

Andy discussed his need for someone to help with writing stories and to assist with the newsletter. Marlene and Andy are working on newsletter stories on the rose show awards.

There was discussion about the need to purchase anything (vases, metal tags, etc.) for the 2020 rose show but the consensus was that it is unnecessary.

Teresa reminded members that the 80<sup>th</sup> Founders Day luncheon would be held on 10/17/20 at the Tewksbury Country Club 12:00. A \$500.00 deposit was sent. It will be held in the same room as last time. The keynote speaker will be Ping Lim. There was a discussion of presidential nominations for 80<sup>th</sup> and contacting Bob Martin to get them for us.

Teresa led a discussion about her plans to purchase 100 commemorative fabric tote bags at \$8.00 each for a total of \$800 to be given to attendees for the 80<sup>th</sup> Founders Day luncheon. A

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vote was taken and unanimously passed for her to go forward with the purchase which should not exceed \$10.00 each. To offset costs the bags will be sold at all meetings for \$15.00.

Members will be asked to make donations for the NERS donation basket for the Yankee District 2020 Convention.

There was a discussion about the 2022 Rose Convention that NERS will host.

Due to Chu's Jung's absence there were no website updates.

Corinne's did not have a publicity update.

Due to Maria's absence, there were no membership updates. However, board members discussed that many members have not paid their membership fees. A list has been made and Maria will reach out via email to those members who have not paid. Karen will add at the bottom of communications as well.

Karen provided the treasurer's report in Maria's absence: \$5,379.92 in checking \$38,335.22 in the Fidelity account.

Andy asked for volunteers to go through boxes of historical records and receipts to determine what should be kept and what can be discarded. David Cannistraro volunteered to do this for the NERS.

Youth and Roses: Teresa will work with Anthony to encourage youth to attend meetings and recruit for junior memberships in 2020.

Meeting was adjourned at 12:30.