

**Lexington Field & Garden Club  
General Meeting  
January 14, 2009**

**President Gill called the meeting to order at 10:00 am.**

President Gill then welcomed the 83 attendees, including 7 guests. She gave special thanks to Ellen Purinton for organizing our refreshments and reminded us to call Ellen to offer to help in upcoming meetings with food, beverages, or a floral arrangement. She went on to give thanks to Marge Kent, Barbara Mix, Anne Cuervo, Karen Edmonds, Ellen Purinton and Jane Fanburg for providing refreshments today; Ellen Purinton for the flower arrangement; and to today's greeters, Marge Kent and Dorothy Lally.

**Recording Secretary:** Jane Beswick read a summary of the Minutes from the November 12th General Meeting and announced that the full text would be available on our website or through contacting her.

**Minutes were approved as Read.**

**Treasurer's Report:** Ann Webster presented the financial report for January. Hard copies of this report are available upon request.

**Announcements:** A number of announcements were made as follows:

-President Gill announced with sadness the death of our dear friend and fellow member Gerry Worthington, who passed away in December after a long and brave battle with cancer. She offered our sympathy to Jennifer Price on the loss of her husband Robert and to the family of Peg Dyer, a former member and past chair of Wednesday Workshop.

-The Holiday Open House was a beautiful success, thanks to the great work of Mary Gillespie, who is also our Museum liaison. The decorations and trimmings by our fellow members were wonderful.

- President Gill thanked everyone who helped on the Greens Sale and especially acknowledged the very dedicated chairs, Ann Webster and Sue Bush, along with their hardworking committee members. The Greens sale was even bigger and better than last year, making a profit of \$4522.

-Although the LFGC executive board meeting had to be canceled last week due to weather, there was a unanimous vote by email to donate \$2000 to our friends at the Museum. The Museum's recent newsletter featured our relationship with them with the title, "Partners Put the Unity into Community" and showed pictures of some of the young ladies who made fairy houses with us last June.

-The town has approved a design and the placement of signs crediting the care of traffic islands by the Garden Club. They will be green with white lettering and will hopefully be placed in early spring.

-Our March meeting this year is an evening meeting so members may want to make plans to car pool if they prefer not to drive at night.

-Mary Gillespie introduced the winner of the poetry contest, Seamus Spencer, a third grader from the Bowman School. Seamus read his poem about global warming to us and will represent the LFGC at the state competition.

-Ann Webster presented the horticultural minute on the topic “Forcing Bulbs.”

**President Gill closed the business meeting at 10:30 a.m.**

**Guest Speaker:** Harriet Hathaway introduced our guest speaker, Norma Jane Langford, an author and extensive traveler, whose very interesting presentation was entitled “Classy Sassy Grasses.”

Jane Beswick, Recording Secretary