

March 2014 Minutes

Home of Robbyn and Joe O'Neill, March 11, 2014

President Linda Anderson called to order the most abbreviated meeting in Weeder history at 6:35 P.M. After welcoming Weeders and husbands/friends, she thanked our gracious, enthusiastic hosts and their assistants, Patricia Cole, Laura Mitchell, Sonya Driscoll, Liz Price, Ellie Penniman, and Marilyn Sprague, then called upon Nancy Evans to introduce her guest, Margaret Sager.

The February minutes were approved with one change, “Lloyd Brown is one of 12 Directors (one from each Zone) who are part of the governance of GCA along with the Executive Committee and Officers of GCA. Lloyd serves currently as liaison to the Garden History and Design Committee.”

BUSINESS:

Each GCA Club has a vote for the Founders Fund finalists. The three projects in contention are:

New Haven, CT: proposed by the GC of New Haven – Safeguarding the American Elm; educational and horticultural outreach; populating the city with elms.

Yonkers, NY; proposed by GC of Irvington, NY- Restoration of the Temple of Love

Atlanta, GA; proposed by the Peachtree GC;- The Big Green Time Machine Relocation of 1830's cabin to the Swann Woods to be used as an educational center and historical interpretive site.

As it was difficult to obtain a vote that night in the midst of the party atmosphere, it was suggested that the Weeders instead cast their votes online ASAP for one of the above.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Congratulations to Beth Bartle for her Blue Ribbon arrangement; and to Melissa Bullitt for getting a second for her miniature arrangement.

Thank you to Melissa for setting up the Photography exhibit that evening in the Mc Neill dining room. Congratulations to the winners of the various

classes.

After our January meeting, the Jeanes Library added six books to their garden collection, each with a nameplate crediting the Weeders as donors.

A Memorial Service for Frenchie Prichett was held on Saturday, March 15 at St. Thomas' in Whitemarch.

Margaret O'Malley's son died suddenly. His service was held on March 13 at St. James Church in NYC.

PROGRAM:

Weeder business concluded, we moved on to the kitchen, where Joe O'Neill enthusiastically described various wine varietals being served then introduced special guest chef, Chip Roman, former student of Georges Perrier, and owner/chef of Black Fish. Giving tips along the way, Chip and his assistant prepared the delicious dishes which we would later sample : a pureed cauliflower soup; a tuna tartare; and a saffron risotto.

Respectfully submitted,

Assistant secretary,

Polly Garnett