

Greater Wilton Woods Citizens Association Meeting – February 15, 2011

Larry opened the meeting at 7:30.

Bonnie Clark, president of the Wilton Woods Garden Club, spoke about the following:

- The Wilton Woods Garden Club and the 50-50 Raffle, whose proceeds go to the garden.
- Franconia Museum in the Franconia Government Building. GWWCA has been asked to provide a history of the Memorial Garden for the museum.
- Free public workshops for gardening, one of which is March 9 in Alexandria, Del Ray area.

Larry presided over the election of GWWCA officers. Larry, President; Parry VP; Monica, Secretary and Carol, Treasurer. There were no additional names offered for any of the positions. There was a motion to vote and the slate was voted in.

Larry reviewed the budget for the calendar year. It listed estimated dues amounts, donations to local non-profits (to include the WW Memorial Garden), and new equipment (podium and speaker system).

Melissa Lakey, Neighborhood Liaison for community Welfare for GWWCA, presented an update on the redevelopment of the Penn Daw property. Melissa is also the GWWCA representative on a task force set up by Jeff McKay's office to review proposals and communicate the community comments with the developer. We are thankful to Jeff McKay for enabling the community input to this project. Melissa made a plea for support and comments from the community at large. The website is www.fairfaxcounty.gov/dpz/penn_daw/penn_daw_ss.html

Lily Whitesall from the Northern Virginia Soil and Water Conservation District conducted a presentation on non-native Invasive Plants in our area. The District is not a Fairfax County organization, but she works closely with the county officials. The list of plants included English Ivy (which can destroy trees), bamboo, nandina, honey suckle and, fire bush. We have all of them on our properties. Ms Whitesall also talked about storm water runoff and things we can do to help. Use fertilizer sparingly and carefully, throw animal waste in the trash, and plant trees.