

Connections  
Membership Meeting  
December 20, 2022  
Attendance: 47  
Zoom Attendance: 3  
Recorder: Linda Bakian

### Holiday Refreshments

In the holiday spirit, attendees enjoyed cookies, cakes, muffins, candies, and assorted goodies contributed by Connections members.

### Welcome

Janet Daly welcomed the group to the General Meeting and Holiday party. She reminded everyone to park in CH spots. If someone was parked in a numbered spot, she would be towed.

### Membership

Susan Steele announced there are 203 members as of now. Membership is closed while the Executive Board is working on a new protocol. She asked members who need a name tag to sign the list on the membership table.

### Treasurer

Lee Atieh gave the Treasurer's Report. Dues of \$1,150 were deposited this month. Expenses included \$268 for Constant Contact, \$498 for the President's Lunch, and \$150 speakers fee (tie dye). At present, the November balance is \$14,268, and there are 183 paid members.

### Changes to the Constitution

The attendees unanimously voted yes by acclamation to the changes in the Connections Constitution.

### Activity Leaders

Denise Santora informed the meeting the next luncheon will be at Fino's, on January 12, at 12pm. She assured the group the restaurant will only charge for those who show up. January 4 is the last day she can accept a check. Denise will send a confirmation of reservation email. If someone sent in a check and doesn't receive one, she should contact her.

Carolyn Seibel announced a Gal-antine Tea will be held at the Harmony Tea Room on February 10. There is room for 44 attendees. The next trip after will be a chocolate tour in Brooklyn, in May, and the committee is beginning to think about plans for next year.

Donna Singer reported 35 women attended the Cooking Club brunch, and a good time was had by all. She is planning a second virtual cooking class with the Italian chef. Donna asked if any member has an idea for the club to please contact her.

### Passing the Gavel

The gavel was passed from the Connections first president, Donna Singer, to the second, Janet Daly, to the third and newest, Brenda Brunelle. The members were reminded that Connections is a cooperative endeavor and all need to contribute. Janet Daly and Donna Singer were praised for their hard work, and the new Board were congratulated.

### Holiday Party

The Pettet Family Singers entered.