Minutes of the Fundraising Committee August 15, 2018, 2pm

Present: Holly Hall (Director), Sue Vaughn, Susan Adams and Connell Gallagher (Chair)

We agreed to have our next Fundraising Committee Meeting on Monday Sept. 10th at 1pm and will discuss the plans for a second "formal" rehearsal of the 'Sip & Spell" event. Holly is working on a revision of the rules, and Sue, Mary Jane and Bob Cochran are finalizing the word lists. The tentative date for the rehearsal is Monday Oct. 15th at 6:30 pm.

Joann Osborne prepared a beautiful list of 100 themes for baskets that we will share with our communities for our November raffles, and she provided suggested items for each theme. The goal is to make up a basket worth at least \$50. We will put up 10 this year, double the number that we raffled in the past.

Holly has enough monthly auction items to see us through January 2019.

We finalized the plans for Sunday's Annual Garden Party which will take place on August 19th from 1pm until 3pm. The readers include: Mary Jane Dickerson, Elisabeth Lehr, Rita St. Germain, Connie Gallagher and Kathy Barickman. Each will read one or two of their favorite Emily Dickinson poems. The folks who signed up for refreshments include: Holly (iced tea), Elisabeth (cider), Rita (cookies), Sue Vaughn (fruit), Susan Adams (surprise dessert), and Nancy Gallagher (bar cookies). Gardener Sue Adams will supply flowers and she will ask fellow gardener Ann Squires to plan the decoration of the tables. The Master Gardeners have done a superb job of planting and arranging a garden that would have been a joy to Emily Dickinson.

Respectfully submitted by Connell Gallagher, August 15, 2018