

Sand Lake Garden Club

Board of Director's Meeting

Date: January 22, 2011

Due to a snow storm the regularly scheduled meeting of January 19, 2011 was held on January 22, 2011. President Pat Mulligan called the meeting to order at 2:10 with the following directors present.

Pat Mulligan
Lizette Strait
Barb Martinage

Joan Gross
Connie Gatt
Millie Smith

Joan Grusensky
Ellen Dunn
Audie Stribling was unable to attend.

The three members who have volunteered to serve as board members for 2011 were invited to attend. Additional members may be nominated at our annual meeting and, at that time, an election will be held. The members attending were Rosanne Braslow, Aimee Falk and Jan Reinhardt.

Treasurer's Report: The Treasurer's report was read and approved.

Joan Grusensky presented the 2011 draft budget for review. All board members were in agreement with its contents. It will be presented to the membership at the next meeting and voted on for acceptance.

Old Business:

Thanks to Lizette Strait and her committee for the planning of our Holiday Party. A good time was had by all.

Joan Gross presented the results of her audit on the treasury funds. She noted that all related information submitted by the secretary were accurate, both for the checking account and the investment vehicles. No errors that might jeopardize the financial status of the club were found and she complimented Joan Grusensky on a job well done. The audit will be available for review by members at the next meeting.

New York is Bloom was discussed. It had previously been talked about and it was decided not to participate due to the cost and lack of volunteers. However, Pat Mulligan received a call saying it was the 20th anniversary of the show and since it had been started by garden clubs, they were hoping to have a garden club participate once again. The subject will be presented at the next meeting to see if volunteers will come forward.

New Business:

We discussed a slate of officers for the upcoming year. Assuming the new board members are voted in, the proposed officers will be as follows:

President:	Lizette Strait
V. President:	Jan Reinhardt
Treasurer:	Joan Grusensky
Co-Secretaries:	Aimee Falk & Rosanne Braslow

There was a brief discussion about whether we should continue monthly door prizes and it was agreed this is a good practice and should be continued.

A new committee will be established to work with the Averill Park High School on the annual scholarships we offer. It was suggested that there should be an essay written by the candidates and winners would be chosen according to their scholastic achievements and the contents of their essays. The school staff will no longer be the judges. Barb Martinage and Aimee Falk volunteered to be on the committee and work with the school this year.

The Community Pride web site was discussed. Joan Gross complimented Val Bulga on its management and content. She also advised the group that Val is the new President of the re-formed Sand Lake Business Association. It was suggested that we should put our membership meeting dates on the site. It was also suggested that the club work closely with Val if there is another Community Pride garden competition if our club's name is going to be used. We should work with Val on criteria, etc. for categories, etc. Last year Lizette worked with Val but there weren't clear parameters outlined to the club before our club name was used on fliers.

The By-Laws will be voted on at the next meeting. Each item will be voted on individually. Joan Gross initiated a discussion regarding Article III, section 5e. She will not support the addition of verbiage indicating that the membership must vote on expenditures over \$50. It is her opinion that the entire membership elects the board and the board is charged with managing the finances of the club. Having to go to the membership for expenditures (not previously approved in the budget) would be cumbersome and un-necessary if, in fact, the membership has faith in the board members they elected and their ability to manage the funds of the Treasury. President Pat Mulligan and Sec. Ellen Dunn voiced their agreement with Joan. As per Robert's Rules, members will be able to participate in discussion before the vote of each amendment.

Committees for 2011 will be as follows:

Trips:	Meg Distell, Connie Gatt, Ellen Dunn
Publicity:	Helen Dolan
Sunshine:	Diane Hale

Monthly Door Prizes & Raffle prizes for the plant sale:

Judy Kasianczuk and Linda Ormsby
Plant Sale: Audie Stribling and Martie Dwyer
Raffle tickets and flyers for the Plant Sale: Cathy Welling
Library: Millie Smith
Hospitality and nametags: Aimee Falk
Scharships: Barb Martinage and Aimee Falk
E-Mail Correspondence: Joan Gross

There being no further business and hearing no objection, the meeting was adjourned at 3:25.

Respectfully submitted,

Joan Gross for Ellen Dunn, Secretary