

**Sand Lake Garden Club
Membership Meeting Minutes
April 25, 2018**

Vice-President Connie Gatt called the Membership meeting to order at 7:02 p.m.

Present: 29 members

Excused: Mary Lee Kopache, Linda Ormsby

Treasurer's Report: As of 4/25/2018, there is a balance of \$4,184.75. The Silent Auction basket, prepared by Mona DeMay and Joan Gross, was well received at the Rensselaer Plateau Alliance's Gala. Treasurer Mary Hall sold raffle tickets, for the Plant Sale prizes, at the Membership meeting.

Old business: Eileen VanOort will continue to work on our Holiday Party venue. The two possibilities being considered are Moscatiello's and Westfall Station. The party is tentatively scheduled for Wednesday, December 5th.

New business: The Sand Lake Town board has requested our club's assistance in designing the landscaping of the new stage at Butler Park. Club members will remove some of the plants from the old stage. Obie Savage volunteered to lead the planning for designing the landscaping of the new stage. Anyone who would like to help out, please contact Obie.

Request from West Sand Lake School in seeking guidance on how to set up a courtyard garden was made. Jean Chenette relayed information on this request at the Membership meeting.

Connie explained to the members that Asian "jumping" worm infestation has produced concerns about collecting plants from local gardens for the upcoming plant sale. It was determined by the board that no dug up plants will be collected this year. Annual seedlings, cuttings, houseplants, bulbs and tubers will be accepted. Also, Connie asked for donations of gently used gardening items, gardening themed books, pots, etc. These items will be used in the Plant sale. Information on the Asian worm will be made available to the public at the sale. Members were advised to check any purchased plants for Asian worms before planting. Mix 1/3 cup dry mustard to one gallon of water and pour over plant. This will irritate any Asian worms and bring them to the surface.

Averill Park High School has their Community Service Day on May 4th. High School students will be stationed at various places within the community. Twenty of them will be located at the Sand Lake Art Center. Connie asked if anyone would like to assist with supervising these students. They will be doing outside cleanup- raking, weeding, and pruning.

Committee reports: The Plant committee had cancelled Potting night for the 23rd. Potting nights for April 30th and May 7th are still on. These will be held at the Salem Methodist Church at 6 PM. Cathy Welling has prepared an informational Plant sale handout and these have been placed at various spots around town.

Meg Distell, from the Trip committee, reported on a scheduled field trip to Adam's Nursery in Kingston. Members and their friends will leave Hannaford at West Sand Lake at 8:45 am. They will be carpooling down and back. Time permitting; a visit to the Pondview Nursery in Hudson and Poet's Walk is slated for the return trip.

Presentation for Membership meeting: Denise Hackort Stoner and her husband, Scott Stoner showed slides of various plants, flowers and birds from the Capital Region. The stunning photographs were from their "Nature at Your Doorstep" collection. Members may find more information on their website

Board meeting was adjourned at 6:58 p.m. with motion by Obie and seconded by Eileen.

Respectfully submitted by,
Janice Berryann, secretary