

Sand Lake Garden Club
Membership Meeting
February 28, 2018

President Mary Lee Kopache called the Membership meeting to order at 7:07 p.m. She greeted the 25 members present and our guest speaker, Linda Ford.

Treasurer's Report- Mary Hall stated that there is \$4,294.09 in the treasury. She also reported that about half the members have paid their 2018 dues.

Old Business:

Mary Lee Kopache reported that three \$500 scholarships would be given out to Averill Park High School seniors this year. She shared that a former 2002 recipient of said scholarship had expressed his appreciation for the club's generous scholarship.

Plant sale will be held on May 12th this year at the Salem Methodist church. Sign-up sheets for potting nights on 4/23, 4/30 and 5/7 were passed out to the members. Pat Mulligan asked that members bring in 4" pots for the potting at March's meeting. She reminded members to wash the pots out thoroughly with a 5% bleach solution.

New Business:

Becky Raymond spoke at the meeting about teaching a "Yoga for Gardeners" class. Class starts April 26th and runs for 6 weeks. Registration for this is through the Averill Park Community Education; phone number is (518) 674-7191.

Discussion on where to have our holiday party this year was brought forward. Westfall Station Café was suggested as a possibility. No decision was made at the meeting. The Holiday party is scheduled for December 5th.

Mary Lee shared information about Rensselaer Cooperative Extension videos. She stated that they were very informative; they can be found at www.CCERensselaer.org. Another helpful website is www.Gardening.Cornell.EDU.

Committee Reports:

Meg Distell of the Trips committee reported on the trip survey results. Most people prefer trips on the weekdays and should be no farther than one and a half hours away. Members expressed an interest in seeing both historic places as well as gardens. The majority of respondents said it would be fine to bring friends and spouses on organized trips. Many thanks to Meg and her committee for doing such a lovely job on this survey.

Guest speaker at the meeting was Linda Ford, Master gardener with the Cornell Cooperative Extension. She gave a slide presentation on Mexico's Copper Canyon. Ms. Ford has also written a book on the extraordinary beauty of this canyon. After the presentation, members could sign up for information on a fall trip, guided by Ms. Ford, to Copper Canyon.

Afterwards, door prizes, selected by Linda and Judy, were passed out. Meeting was adjourned at 8:25pm. Meg and Janice provided refreshments.

Respectfully submitted by,
Janice Berryann, Secretary