

**Sand Lake Garden Club
Board Meeting Minutes
January 18, 2019**

President Mary Lee Kopache called the board meeting to order at 2:20 p.m. at her residence.

Present: Mary Lee Kopache, Connie Gatt, Eileen VanOort, Rose Dorr, Mary Hall, Judy Kasianczuk, Obie Savage, Janice Berryann. Kevin Sykes attended as a prospective 2019 board member and Joan Gross as the auditor/finance chair.

Excused: all present

Secretary's Report: Report of 10/25/2018 was approved as e-mailed.

Treasurer's Report: As of 01/18/2019, there is a balance of \$2,744.90. Treasurer Mary Hall reported that this year's insurance has been paid as well as the \$70 rental fee for use of our monthly meetings in the Town's courtroom. Motion to accept the treasurer's report was made by Janice Berryann, seconded by Judy Kasianczuk. All present approved.

Audit Report: Joan Gross stated that the audit of the club's finances had been completed and that there were no discrepancies found. She remarked that Mary has an excellent bookkeeping system set up, which made the audit proceed smoothly. Motion to accept the auditor's reports was made by Obie Savage, seconded by Judy Kasianczuk. All present approved the motion.

Old business: Discussion on our Quarter Century year celebration brought forth several ideas. Posters to be displayed at our annual plant sale, stickers or magnets displaying our club's logo were a few of the ideas discussed. Board members will continue this topic at next month's meeting.

December's Holiday Party, held at Westfall Station Café, was declared a success by all at the Board meeting. Connie Gatt was presented with the "Gardener of the Year" award at the party.

New business: Joan Gross and Mary Hall presented the proposed 2019 budget. Vote on the 2019 budget draft will be conducted at the February Board meeting.

May Plant sale plans were discussed at great length. Conversation centered on the dilemma about whether to use dug plants for the sale due to the jumping worm infestation. Various Board members will ask other local clubs what their plans for this year entails. Decision on what to sell will be tabled until next month's meeting.

Conversation ensued on reviewing the Club's by-laws and updating them where needed. The Board members were asked to read the by-laws and come up with recommendations at February's Board meeting.

Discussion about simplifying the website produced several suggestions. Sub committee was formed to further explore these suggestions. Board member Obie Savage and member Kevin Sykes will report to the board on their findings at a future time.

Scholarship amounts are contingent on proceeds of the previous year's annual plant sale.

This year's proposed budget for scholarships is \$1,000. The amount is still being reviewed and will be finalized at the February board meeting.

A list of this year's donations to other organizations will be developed and presented to the Board and membership this fall.

Committee reports: Volunteers added to the Program committee are Kevin Sykes and Rose Dorr. Suggestions on program topics were given at the meeting. It was decided that Club member Nancy Brewer would give a demonstration on making decorative plates for your garden in April.

Rose Dorr also joined the Trip's committee. She brought forth ideas for trips this year including: touring the roof top garden at Doane Stuart School, hiking on the Corkscrew Trail, and visiting Naumkeag Stockbridge Mansion with its elegant gardens.

Board meeting was adjourned at 5:25p.m. with motion made by Rose Dorr, seconded by Obie Savage.

Respectfully submitted,
Janice Berryann, Secretary