

**Sand Lake Garden Club
Board Meeting Minutes
January 2, 2020**

President Mary Lee Kopache called the Board meeting to order at 2:09 p.m.

Present: Rose Dorr, Mary Hall, Judy Kasianczuk, Connie Gatt, Obie Savage, Mary Lee Kopache, Janice Berryann, and Eileen VanOort. Member Becky Raymond was also present.

Secretary's Report: Board and Membership minutes of 9/26/2019 were reviewed and changes made via email sent to board members. There was no October meeting due to the Town Board needing the space. Subsequent attempts to reschedule the speaker did not work out. Motion to accept the minutes was brought forth by Judy; Rose seconded it. All present approved.

Treasurer's Report: Mary reported that the balance in the treasury account is \$3,088.41. Insurance for the year was paid in November of 2019. Dyken Pond Association has requested support for a special project (the purchase of land at Dyken Pond). Mary made the motion to donate \$100 to Dyken Pond; Eileen seconded it. All present approved. Judy made the motion to approve the Treasurer's Report; Rose seconded it. All present approved.

Unfinished business: The SL Town Board had asked for assistance in planning landscaping of the new stage at Butler Park. Due to shale surrounding the stage, it will not be possible to do any kind of planting there. No recommendations will be made to the Town Board.

Cathy Welling had requested that a laminator be purchased. Discussion on price was held. Resolution was that Obie will check to see if outside organizations may use Sienna College's laminator. Connie agreed to further research the cost of a laminator.

Matt Thornton, Director of Admissions for Parker School, has offered his marketing expertise regarding focus of our on-line presence. He would meet with Club members to assess our website and facebook pages. Mary Lee volunteered to follow-up with Matt's offer.

A trip survey has not been done for two years. Rose agreed to prepare one for 2020 and present it at a future membership meeting.

Mary Lee has called the Town Board regarding reserving monthly Thursday membership meetings for the months of January, February, March, April, September and October 2020. Board members supported having the August meeting at the Parker School Demo Gardens. Obie explained the by-laws committee's recommendations of adding the following additions to our Constitution: Conflict of Interest, Sexual Harassment and Whistleblower Protection. After much discussion, Mary made the resolution, with Obie modifying it, to disseminate a copy of our Constitution and its by-laws (as adopted by the Board in March 2019) with the three recommended amendments to be considered at the annual membership meeting of January 23, 2020. Rose seconded the motion. Five Board members voted yes and two abstained. Motion was passed. Janice will ask Joan to send the Constitution and the proposed amendments to the membership via email.

New business:

There are three expiring Board positions in 2019. Judy Kasianczuk and Obie Savage have expressed a willingness to serve another term. Mary Lee asked Board members to canvass members and bring a proposed nomination to the next Board meeting.

Committee reports:

Becky Bell ,co-chair of the Program committee, presented the Garden Club speaker schedule for 2020. She stated that it had been difficult to obtain speakers at our current fee of \$50. She suggested that the Board raise fees paid for next year. Becky was warmly thanked for her diligence and choice of topics. Becky Raymond will be asked to post the Speaker program in the Advertiser.

Janice and Eileen reviewed the Holiday Party. 35 members attended the party at The Arlington House. President Mary Lee received “the Gardener of the Year” award. Receipts from the party came in under budget.

Rose, chair of the Trips Committee has arranged for a trip to Wiawaka on July14, 2020.

Board meeting was adjourned at 4:46p.m. with motion made by Rose, seconded by Judy.

**Respectfully submitted,
Janice Berryann, Secretary**