

Sand Lake Garden Club

Board Meeting Minutes for July 29, 2021

The Zoom meeting was called to order by President Janice Berryann at 6:41 PM

Attendance: Janice Berryann, Cathy Welling, Andy Mace, Judy Kasianczuk, Obi Savage, Rose Dorr, Eileen VanOort. Absent: Hollis McEvilly, Sally Perry.

Secretary's Report:

Minutes for the meeting of June 3, 2021 were accepted with a few changes which had been made and circulated to Board members. Motion to accept by Cathy Welling, seconded by Judy Kasianczuk.

Treasurer's Report:

None available this meeting due to excused absence of Treasurer Sally Perry.

Unfinished Business:

Getting a further assessment of the **value of the framed 1500s Woodcut** must wait for the presence of Sally Perry who had offered to check with Ralph Fontane from Heritage Auctions.

Janice reported on **unpaid 2021 member dues**. Of the 14 outstanding unpaid member dues, 12 members will pay while 2 members have decided to resign.

Final arrangements for the summer picnic at Obie's house: it's okay for a member to bring a spouse; there will be a mix and match of plastic utensils and paper plates/paper products; members bring a dish to share or bring your own meal; Obie has two tables, and will possibly use two saw horses with a board to make a third...no need for additional tables to be brought in; Judy and Janice will provide table clothes; the picnic is scheduled for 4 to 6 PM, with setup help starting at 3:30 PM.

The following games were offered: Croquet Game (Janice), Bocce Ball Game (Rose), Cornhole Game (Eileen).

Janice will bring hand Sanitizer and disposable face masks, in case conditions warrant it.

Joan Grusenski is to be reminded that the picnic date is August 5th, and not August 6th which is the rain date.

Cathy Welling offered a weather forecast for next Thursday, August 5: partly cloudy with 23% chance of rain.

Question about whether this year's scholarship winner, Jake Jacobson, will be attending the picnic? Answer: he hasn't RSVP'd.

The need to post Board and Membership minutes from 2/2020 to 6/2021 on the website is largely resolved. Janice sent requested changes to Kim Tucci who sent the records to Bill Glasser for posting on the website. Janice still has a few hard copies of Board and Membership minutes that can be scanned. Cathy and Obie offered to help with the scanning process.

New Business:

The need for a **new co-administrator to update the website** arose after there was no response to an email, sent to the present co-administrator, inquiring about their interest to continue in the position. Obie volunteered to post future updates and was asked to contact Bill Glasser for website access.

August 26th Board and Membership meetings will be located at the **Parker School Demo Gardens**. Discussion ensued about whether to do pies or deserts. Pies won out and several Board members volunteered to make a pie (Obie, Judy, Eileen and Janice). The topic of the meeting will be a shared wrap-up session of this year's gardens. Also, look forward to a new labeled herb garden project being completed by Master Gardeners Pat Mulligan and Joan Gross. Board meeting time 6 PM; Membership meeting time 7 PM – 8 PM.

Winter Holiday Party to be held Thursday, December 2nd as the initial early date in December. Considering the great response to the 2020 holiday party, the Alington House was again chosen as the venue. Cathy will work with Eileen for the party planning with additional requested help from Nancy Brewer and Anna Church who prepared picture-posters for the event and generally helped out. The planners will need to confirm the date and see about improving the flow of traffic around the appetizer set-up and possibly more punch. Also check with Joan Gross about the wine service which was appreciated. Party time was determined to be 5:30 to 8 PM to accommodate more Member's schedules.

Requested **letter of support for the Town of Sand Lake grant application** for improving the Town Beach unfortunately missed the imposed July 27th dead-line. Janice gave Sally permission to send out a letter of support.

Committee Reports:

Trips Committee, reported by Rose, announced that there are no new plans underway since the successful trip to Innisfree in June. Rose investigated the suggested sites of: **Lyndhurst-Mansion**, in Terrytown, NY. A Gothic Revival country house just South of the Tappen Zee Bridge very close to New York City; **Mills Estate**, Staatsburg, NY. Basically, a mansion below Rhinebeck but before Hyde Park; and **Wilderstein** in Rhinebeck, NY. Home of Margaret Suckley, cousin of FDR. Walking trails free and open when parking lots not full. Paid 45-minute tours outdoors through July 25, then Mansion tours starting July 31.

While these mansion and grounds tours may be considered in the future, there was no clear interest in these sites, among those present, at this time.

A discussion, initiated by Obie, about the **Albany Victory Garden** generated greater interest. The discussion ended with Obie planning to check with his contact person about a visit in early September, while crops are generally still growing. More information on a date and time for this visit is expected to be forth-coming.

The **Program Committee**, through Ellen Dunn to President Janice, has communicated a suggestion to have **Zoom meetings for the months of January, February, and March** to avoid weather complications, particularly for speakers coming from out of our area. This issue is still being pursued. Cathy will check on getting a Zoom membership for three months. We will be back to in-person meetings in April.

Refreshment Committee, Peggy Gould reports that refreshments are arranged for September and October meetings.

Board Meeting was adjourned at 7:28 PM with motion made by Obie, seconded by Cathy.

Respectfully submitted,
Rose Dorr, Co-Secretary