

Sand Lake Garden Club

Board Meeting Minutes for March 6, 2021

The Zoom meeting was called to order by President Janice Berryann at 11:05 AM

Attendance: Janice Berryann, Rose Dorr, Sally Perry, Cathy Welling, Hollis McEvilly, Kim Tucci, (Arizona), Andy Mace, Obie Savage. Absent: Judy Kasianczuk, Eileen VanOort

Secretary's Report:

Minutes for the meeting of October 20, 2020 were accepted without additions or deletions after a motion by Cathy Welling, seconded by Hollis McEvilly.

Minutes for the meeting of January 20, 2021 were accepted with two minor corrections after a motion by Kim Tucci, seconded by Sally Perry. Additionally, accepted for the January meeting was the addendum for the February 5, 2021 Board Meeting held to vote on Executive Board positions to be approved by the membership at the monthly February meeting.

Treasurer's Report:

Treasurer Sally Perry reported that the balance in the SLGC checking account is \$4,433.42. There are no bills currently outstanding. An insurance bill is expected in August.

At this time only 33 members have paid the \$10 membership dues which are due for this year. This is an area of concern considering that it represents only about one half of the present membership list. While it may be attributed to the Covid-19 social distancing restrictions, it was decided best to have some Board Members make calls to check on those members who are in arrears. Hollis, Janice, and Kim volunteered to make calls, while Sally will provide a list of those who have not yet paid their dues.

The financial concern for this year is that with a fixed annual operating expense of approximately \$1,500 and uncertain income from the SLGC Plant Sale this year, there may be a shortfall ahead.

Cathy and Obie proposed a back-up plan to enlist new members and collect member's dues checks at advertised public parking spots, such as the SL Town Library or the WSL Hannaford's market. Possibly set up an information table with membership application forms available.

Unfinished Business:

Janice agreed to put the newly approved Membership Application form on the SLGC website. She also commended Sally and Bill Glasser for the work they have recently done to update the website. Kim offered to be a co-administrator with Bill Glasser for further maintenance and updates of the website.

Discussion followed about the framed 1500's woodcut print that has been informally appraised for about \$400. Mary Hall has been in contact with the Averill Park Education Foundation that has agreed to include the print in their virtual fund-raising auction to be held in April. Janice volunteered to serve as contact person to work with Daryl Bart who will include it in the APEF newsletter, with information needed by mid-March.

Additionally, Andy will share information about the woodcut print with the SL Historical Society and Kim will make information available to the Rensselaer Plateau Alliance (who have a fund-raising gala in September).

Cathy will confer the APEF on how to make a flier of the woodcut print, including lot # if possible, for further advertising of this item.

Obie highly recommends that SLGC Board members read "The Crying of Lot 49" about a historical stamp auction.

Further **Unfinished Business** was discussed regarding inquiries by the AP Guidance office about SLGC scholarship plans for this year. After a brief discussion and a vote by those present it was decided, in light of an uncertain income, the club will provide only one scholarship for this year, but will increase the amount awarded from \$500 to \$600. Janice and Rose agreed to participate in the awards ceremony if it is held live this spring.

New Business:

Keeper of the mailing list: Sally will send a list of paid-up members to Hollis who will help coordinate a final culled list of members by June 5th.

Update community gardens list: Janice offered to contact last year's Chairs and Board Members self-identified the following: **AP Triangle**, Cathy Chair, Connie & Rose; **AP Post Office**, Kim Chair, Hollis Cochair, MaryLee Kopache & Guy Castine; **SL Arts Center**, Janice Chair, Pat Mulligan Cochair? & about six others; **Butler Park**, Obie, Sally, Janice, Bob Sherwood.

Janice reminded members that the Town of SL has increased its donation for public plantings by the club from \$150 to \$200.

A discussion followed about developing lists of plants, or plant maps, of the various garden sites being tended by the club as an aid to present and future caretakers. A goal could be to consider organizing a community gardens care list.

The March meeting at the end of the month will be posted in the Advertiser by Becky Raymond, inviting new members to join, with a Zoom link open to the public arranged by Cathy who will also be the contact person. Meeting information posted on the SL Town Message Board will be directed to the SLGC website.

When to hold Board Meetings: A decision was made that the April Board Meetings will be held via Zoom at 5:45 – 7:00 PM before the scheduled Members Meeting at 7:00 PM.

Cathy plans to put a box of garden books gifted by Phyllis Scheeren into SLGC storage at the SL Town Hall until a decision is made on how to disperse them.

After brief discussion, a final decision of whether to have dug vs. non-dug plants for the Plant Sale will be made in April. Some members have already begun to plant seeds for the sale.

Trip Committee suggested a possible trip to Innisfree Gardens in June if Covid-19 restrictions have eased.

Board Meeting was adjourned at 12:10 PM with motion made by Andy, seconded by Kim.

Respectfully submitted, Rose Dorr, Co-Secretary