

**Sand Lake Garden Club
Board Meeting Minutes
September 24, 2020**

President Janice Berryann called the meeting to order at 6:05 pm.

Present: Janice Berryann, Becky Bell, Rose Dorr, Judy Kasianczuk, Andy Mace, Eileen VanOort, Cathy Welling

Excused: Mary Hall, Obie Savage

Treasurer's Report: Although not present at the meeting, Mary sent word though Janice that the club has about \$4500.00. The report was unanimously accepted following a motion by Judy and seconded by Becky. (Note: According to an email from Mary the actual amount is \$4535.17) Janice noted that we usually make three donations to local charitable organizations in September of each year. Although we were aware that one donation of \$100.00 had already been made in 2020, we were unsure of the recipient. In the past we have donated to Rensselaer Land Trust, Rensselaer Plateau Alliance and Capital Roots. Janice moved that we make two \$50.00 donations to the two remaining organizations. Rose seconded and all were in favor. (Note: Mary's email indicated that the \$100.00 donation went to Friends of Dyken Pond. Janice suggested that since we only approved two additional \$50.00 expenditures, they will go to Capital Roots and Rensselaer Plateau Alliance. If we wish, we can approve a donation to Rensselaer Land Trust at the next Board meeting.)

Secretary's Report: Cathy read the minutes from the June meeting. Janice added an addendum stating that no member or board meetings were held during March, April or May. Judy made a motion to accept the minutes with the addendum, seconded by Eileen and approved by all.

Changes to the SLGC Constitution: We reviewed the revised final draft of the Constitution noting that there were a few changes that were either missed in the revision and/or minor typos. These included:

- Section 5 e. - the \$100 change was not carried into the revision so was corrected.
- Art. V i. – the Library Committee should have been eliminated.
- Art. V k. – change “gifts” to “gifts/cards.”
- Art. III d. – add “through gardening projects” to the end of the sentence.

Becky volunteered to complete the corrections/amendments and send to Janice. Andy moved to accept the changes, Cathy seconded and all were in favor. Janice will notify members at tonight's meeting that the final draft version will be emailed to all club members for the required 30-day review period and members will vote on the new Constitution at the October meeting. Should there not be an October meeting, the vote will be conducted via email.

Nominating Committee: Three Board members' terms will expire in January: Becky Bell, Janice Berryann and Andy Mace. Judy volunteered to be the Board member on the committee. Janice will ask for 2 member volunteers at the meeting tonight.

2020 Holiday Party: Following discussion about the unlikelihood of our being able to have a Holiday Party this December, Janice made a motion that we move the Holiday Party to Spring 2021. Rose seconded and all were in favor.

Committee Reports:

2021 Plant Sale: Cathy Welling and Becky Bell will co-chair the event. We need to poll the membership re: Asian jumping worm presence in members' gardens. Anecdotal reports are that they worms either did not make an appearance or were greatly reduced in number. It is possible that if the worms are no longer a threat, we could go back to selling dug plants.

Program Committee: We need a Program Chair for 2020-2021. We discussed the possibility of utilizing Zoom if we are unable to meet in person. We will poll the membership re: access to Zoom capabilities and if members would be willing to pair up with those who either cannot access Zoom or are not comfortable using the platform.

Trip Committee: Rose reported that the trip to Wiawaka went very well. Rose suggested an October 13 trip to Mountain Top Arboretum in Tannersville. They are still open for self-guided tours and have a variety of walking/hiking trails in different environments. However, picnicking is not allowed on the property so we would have to make arrangements for lunch offsite. Rose will poll the membership tonight for interest.

Fall Cleanup of Community Gardens: It was decided that each garden group should determine their own cleanup schedule.

Application Form for Club Membership: Janice created a form since one didn't seem to be in existence any longer. We just noted that we should add "through gardening projects" to the Mission Statement per the proposed change to the Constitution.

SLGC Pamphlet: Cathy volunteered to update the current pamphlet and will contact Lizette Strait for the original. Andy suggested that we add the club logo and Cathy will contact Joan Gross for that. Cathy would like to request photos from club members especially those that include members.

Motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Judy, seconded by Eileen and all were in favor. The meeting was adjourned at 6:58 pm.

**Respectfully submitted,
Cathy Welling Interim Secretary**