

Sand Lake Garden Club

Board Meeting Minutes for October 27, 2022

The meeting was called to order in the Sand Lake Town Hall by President Sally Perry at 5:04 PM.

Attendance: Sally Perry, Rose Dorr, Hollis McEville, Cathy Welling, Anna Church, Judy Kasianczuk; Absent, Guy Castine, Russ Gettig, Andy Mace.

Secretary's Report:

September Member Minutes, submitted by Co-Secretary Hollis McEville, for posting to the SLGC Website. No corrections or changes were needed.

Board Meeting Minutes for September 22, 2022, submitted by Co-Secretary Rose Dorr, were circulated to Board members prior to the meeting. The minutes were approved, after a date correction and other minor changes were made, by a motion to accept entered by Cathy, seconded by Holly. These minutes will also be available on the SLGC Website.

Treasurer's Report:

Treasurer Hollis McEville reported the current balance of the SLGC checking account as \$6,345.54 as of today, October 27. This report will be filed and posted on the SLGC Website.

Old Business:

Nominating Committee update – President Sally announced that Joan Gross, presently visiting in Florida, is looking for two members to help her with getting nominations for the Annual Member Meeting in January 2023 when members will elect two new Board members.

A discussion followed the reminder that three Board member-terms will be expiring. Judy Kasianczuk graciously volunteered to continue for another three-year term. Cathy Welling and Andy Mace are relinquishing their positions as Board members. President Sally Perry announced that a new SLGC president will need to be elected as she will relinquish the position of president after the January 2023 Board meeting is held.

New Business:

The **Member Meeting Speaker** for the up-coming meeting will be **flower arranging** by member **Ellen Sagar**. The completed arrangement(s) will be the door prize(s). She will receive additional money, from the Door Prize Budget, for the flowers used in the arrangement(s).

Holiday Party – to be held Wednesday, **December 7th**, beginning at 5pm for socializing with dinner at 6pm. Location is the **Arlington House** in West Sand Lake. **Door Prizes** will be limited to 3 or 4 this year; perhaps 2 or 3 Poinsettias. Anna Church has offered to bring seasonal party decorations for the event. The **Menu** has been set, Buffet style; **cost is \$40.00** allowing for an extra \$5.00 to make sure everything is covered. The SLGC is allowed to bring their own dessert, quite likely a cake ordered from Hannafords. There will be a **Food Drive** with non-perishable donations for Doors of Hope. Boxes and bags are welcome for the donations; donation checks are to be made out to **Doors of Hope**.

Brainstorming – Considering that the September Member Meeting included a review of the club’s accomplishments so far this year and what will be needed to keep the current program and events in the future?

What will be the future direction of the club; What can be done to increase membership participation?

A discussion followed on suggestions the Board has on the following:

What went well? The **Programs, Trips, Plant Sale, the Picnic.**

What needs improvement? Membership attendance at meetings is less than half. Suggestions include making member-to-member phone calls to encourage member participation. The **Plant Sale**, while successful with high member participation on the day of the event, was intensely time-consuming for about five members for up to a month and a half before the event. Twenty-four different items have been identified as needing to be taken care of for a successful Plant Sale. **Area resources** for the **Programs**, including Master Gardener’s participation, appear to be tapped out...need new ideas.

Sally thanked everyone.

Motion to adjourn the meeting, was made by Cathy, seconded by Judy, and passed.

Board Meeting closed at 5:54 pm.

**Respectfully submitted,
Rose Dorr, Co-Secretary**