

Sand Lake Garden Club

Board Meeting Minutes for September 22, 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 McEvilly, Cathy Welling, Russ Gettig, Anna Church, Judy Kasianczuk; Absent, Guy Castine, Andy Mace.

Invited guests: Joan Gross

Secretary's Report:

Member Meeting Minutes for April 21, 2022 , submitted by Co-Secretary Hollis McEvilly, for posting to the SLGC Website. No corrections or changes were needed.

Board Meeting Minutes for April 21, 2022, submitted by Co-Secretary Rose Dorr, were circulated to Board members prior to the meeting. The minutes, which were accepted as written after a motion to accept was made by Judy Kasianczuk, seconded by Anna Church, will also be available on the SLGC Website.

Treasurer's Report:

Treasurer Hollis McEvilly reported the current balance of the SLGC checking account is \$6,485.54 as of September 19. It was noted that the SLGC lists 65 to 70 members in good-standing regarding payment of dues. This report will be filed.

Old Business:

President Sally reminded the Board members that the **September Member meeting** will be preceded by an in-person **Meet and Greet** at 6:00 pm before the 6:30 pm meeting. Connie Gatt will be setting up refreshments in the Sand Lake Town Hall kitchen around 6pm.

Accomplishments so far in 2022 – President Sally began by reviewing that there have been **four Member meeting programs** so far this year covering the **topics of ticks, roses, bats and container gardens**. Tonight's program will be on **seed collection and storage** presented by Pat Mulligan.

Community Gardens – Topics included the **SL Town Clean-up** on May 7th which included the **Averill Park Triangle, AP Post Office, Sand Lake Center for the Arts, and Sand Lake Library and Butler Park**. Butler Park will be undergoing re-construction by the Town of SL and the gardens have become over-run by invasive species, like Virginia Creeper and other species. The park gardens are not being tended to at this time. Some discussion revolved around the difficulty of keeping the gardens watered, particularly during the severe drought conditions during this past summer.

The Town of SL reimburses the SLGC up to \$200 for planting expenses in the Community Gardens. An issue of continuing concern is the development of the newly re-constructed garden space at the intersection of Routes 43 and 66 in Sand Lake; the site is currently still under management of NYS and the Town of SL. Participation on helping to plant and maintain this site is a major decision for the SLGC members to decide on during the current year and beyond.

The Garden Faire – This year’s fund-raiser in May resulted in a final tally of net proceeds just over \$3,000, exceeding expectations, with thanks to all who participated in making this joint venture with the Rensselaer County Cooperative Extension such a success.

Trips – A SLGC trip to Montgomery Place Gardens, in Red Hook NY, took place June 14th.

Scholarship - A scholarship of \$600 was awarded to an APHS student, Elizabeth Daly, on June 7th.

Picnic – A picnic, hosted by Joan Gross and Bob Carpenter, with wonderful food and company, was thoroughly and gratefully enjoyed by the membership on July 14th.

New Business:

Nominations – Nominating Committee to be determined. Terms for Cathy, Judy and Andy are ending. Joan Gross offered to be part of the nominating process.

Monthly Meetings for 2023 – A discussion followed about possible ideas for each month of the next year. In-person meetings were considered for **January, February and March**, with converting to Zoom in case of bad weather as a way to avoid cancelling a meeting. **April, May and June** are involved with in-person program, the Garden Faire and a trip. **July or August** for membership picnic. Regular meeting for **September and October. November**, no meeting because of Thanksgiving and **December** devoted to the **Holiday party**, with no regular meeting.

Today’s Member meeting will be a conversation reviewing the **club’s accomplishments** so far this year. Considering what went well, what needs improvement, and what is the future direction of the club? A brief review of the purpose of the SLGC taken from its constitution included this inspiration, **“Improve the appearance of the community through gardening projects.”**

Sally thanked everyone.

Motion to adjourn the meeting, was made by Cathy Welling, seconded by Russ Gettig, and passed.

Board Meeting closed at 6:01 pm.

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