

Sand Lake Garden Club
Member Meeting Minutes
Date: 2/24/2022

President Sally Perry called the membership meeting to order at 7 p.m. She welcomed the 20+ members and guests and thanked them for participating in our Zoom presentation.

Before introducing our speaker for the evening, Sally made the following comments:

“Cathy Welling and I have been going thru historical documentation for our club and in doing so, realized how many of our members have been part of our club for many, many years. These members have historically been committee volunteers, chairs and co-chairs. I would like to extend a special thank you to all of our long term Sand Lake Garden Club members and I look forward to many more gardening adventures with you and all our club members!!! Thank you everyone!!!”

The program for the evening, the “Care and Maintenance of Roses” was presented by Master Gardener Marie Heller. Marie has been a Master Gardener since 1997 and is their coordinator for their Speaker’s Bureau. She also helps to maintain Leslie’s Garden and the 911 Memorial Garden in Troy, NY.

A question and answer period followed Marie’s presentation and she was thanked for a delightful and uplifting program.

Treasurers Report: Hollis McEvilly reported that the checking account balance as of today’s date is \$4009.18. 43 members are paid which includes two new members.

Budget Report: President Sally presented the budget for 2022. There were no questions from the floor. A motion was made to accept by Hollis McEvilly, seconded by Barbara Nuffer and unanimously approved by the Members.

Old Business:

A discussion was held regarding the committee survey that was sent to members.

Several suggestions from the survey included the following:

- Merge Conversation & Preservation and Horticulture committees into one
- Make Finance Committee a position, not a committee.
- Update wording for Nomination Committee for more clarity
- Merge Gardener of the Year committee with Scholarship committee

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- Combine Door Prizes w/Hospitality

The board will review these ideas and consider by-law revisions for the future.

There were a number of people who signed up for various committees.

- ✓ Trip Committee: Rose Dorr and Hollis McEvelly
- ✓ Website: Bill Glasser
- ✓ Scholarship: Eileen VanOort, Janice Berryann
- ✓ Holiday Party: Eileen VanOort, Anna Church
- ✓ Conservation & Preservation, Joan Gross
- ✓ Horticulture: Joan Gross and Barb Nuffer
- ✓ Communications Coordination: Joan Gross
- ✓ Sunshine: Joan Gross

- ✓ Plant sale: Kim Tucci and Becky Bell have volunteered to coordinate our plant sale which will be co-hosted with Cornell Cooperative Extension and the following was presented to the membership:
 - This year's plant sale will be on May 14, 2022 and will be open to the public. New ideas would be greatly appreciated, since digging is no longer an option with the jumping worms still a major concern.
 - Many volunteers are needed to make this a success. Forming sub-committees was suggested.
 - We will continue to hold a raffle; a committee for this is also needed.
 - It was suggested that members start seedlings, cut clippings from houseplants, etc.
 - Please contact Kim, Becky or Sally with any ideas or questions

Sally thanked Joan Grusensky for all her help with communications these past few years. Joan was happy to turn over these tasks to Joan Gross, who has had experience doing this in past years. These communications help keep a connection to all our members throughout the year not only at our monthly meetings.

New Business:

Scott Gallerie, Town Supervisor of Sand Lake, indicated they would be doing road work in front of the Town Hall in the near future. He has asked for volunteers from the club to help with design of new planters, some ideas on low maintenance plants. If anyone has an interest in helping with this, please let us know.

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Kim Katz, Volunteer Coordinator of Grafton State Park, has also asked for some volunteer help with their gardens. They are trying to identify what already exists in the gardens, asking for suggestions on low maintenance plants, and also help with maintaining the gardens.

The March 24, 2022 meeting “Bats in the Garden” by Emily Davis and Mike Warmer from NYS DEC will be still be via Zoom.

We will resume our in-person meetings at the Sand Lake Town Hall on April 21, 2022 (changed from April 28, 2022)

President Sally adjourned the meeting at 8:20 pm thanking all of the members for their continued support and efforts, which make this garden club a success.

Respectively submitted,
Hollis McEvelly,
Co-Secretary/Treasurer