

## Sand Lake Garden Club

### Board Meeting Minutes for March 24, 2022

**The meeting was called to order via Zoom by President Sally Perry at 5:39 PM.**

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

Invited guests: Kim Tucci, Joan Gross

**Plant Sale Update:** In order to accommodate a prior commitment, Kim Tucci was invited to present a plant sale summery at the beginning of this meeting, based on last week's planning meeting. There will be no plant digging because of jumping worms, members are being asked to start seeds or cuttings from house plants, and/or collect decorative garden items to sell. Joan Grusensky has volunteered to manage a bake sale.

Regarding SLGC Tee-shirts, the membership table at the sale will have available 10 medium-sized T-shirts for offering to new members and one each of size Lg and 2X Lg. The following are outstanding and requiring more homework and discussion: there is a need for more inventory, costing out loan-perennials on consignment, plan a couple of potting nights to repot and make nice arrangements. Kim offered a garage on here property to store sale items and pots for replanting.

Keep in mind that the Master Gardeners of Rensselaer County will be selling tools, pots and totems, so as not to compete with these.

Discussion ensued about the possibility of getting gardening-related vendors and, in that case, rebranding the event name to "The Garden Faire." This idea was accepted as a spontaneous decision of the present members.

Possible vendors being those selling goat-milk soap and other farm products (Reynold's Farm on Hinckley), coleuses (by Joe Johnson), honey and maple syrup. Anna Church, suggesting a friend who makes honey and bees wax candles, will send the name to Kim. Cathy Welling will check with Becky Gould to see if she wishes to participate by selling microgreens in bags. Still to be decided, fee or no fee charged, or just leave it to the vendors to make a donation.

Sally asked about how many vendors do we want? Not too many for the first year, perhaps limit of four or five to begin with.

The next "Garden Faire" planning meeting will be Tuesday, April 5th, 6 PM in the SL Town Hall kitchen.

The venue will be Salem United Methodist Church, WSL. Sally mentioned that in previous years the SLGC has donated \$100 to the Church, and that perhaps we should rethink this amount.

Kim summarized that event set-up would be the Friday before the Fair date. Potting sessions of decorative plant arrangements would be held at her place on two Monday nights before the sale.

Cathy shared her poster for the Garden Faire in conjunction with the CCE Rensselaer County Master Gardeners tool sale, announcing “Annuals, Vegetables, Planted Containers, Houseplants, Garden-Related Vendors, Raffle!” She will send a copy of the poster to the SL Town by April 5<sup>th</sup>.

The draft poster of CCERC tool sale stated a time-frame of 8:00 AM to 1:00 PM, which led to a discussion as being perhaps too long, since SLGC plant sales have often ended in 2 or 3 hours. However, because of the change in nature of the present venue as a Garden Fair the Board agreed on the 8 to 1 time period.

Sally has lined up use of the SL Kiwanis tent for the event. The Board has the task list. Members can sign up and let Kim know. The Garden Sale signs are to be updated. Kim would like to have help with keeping track of sign-ups and what’s needed. There’s a lot to be done before the sale. The goal is that we all work together to generate adequate funds to support the APHS scholarship. Kim ended the plant sale update and exited the meeting, as preplanned, at 6:04 PM.

#### **Secretary’s Report:**

Minutes for the meeting of February 24, 2022 were accepted as written and circulated to Board members prior to the meeting. Motion to accept by Cathy Welling, seconded by Anna Church.

#### **Treasurer’s Report:**

Treasurer Hollis McEvilly reported the March balance of the SLGC checking account as \$3,189.18. Dues for 47 members have been collected. The Town Hall rental fee has been paid. Insurance will cost about \$400 in August. Bill Glasser pays for the website. The budget was voted on by the Board in January and approved by the Membership in February so no issue there.

A question arose about the outdoor garden signs which was referenced to Janice Berryann who is out of town until April 5<sup>th</sup>.

President Sally thanked Hollis for the report and stated that it will be filed.

#### **Unfinished Business:**

**Reminder - Member meeting in April** is the 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday, not the 4<sup>th</sup> Thursday. Meet in person at 5:30 PM in the SL Town Hall, followed by a half hour meet and greet at 6:30 PM to 7 PM, before the Member meeting at 7PM on Container Gardening.

**SLGC records** missing 2002 to 2014. Otherwise, there are binders from 1994 to 2001 and 2015 up to the present. If you know anyone who has any of these, please let Sally know.

**New Business:**

**Regarding the APHS Scholarship** – Hollis reported that the AP High School would like to know by April 25<sup>th</sup> how much the SLGC will be donating for the scholarship. Joan Gross offered that one \$500 scholarship was settled on in the budget and approved.

**Member Meeting Minutes** – A discussion ensued about Member Meeting Minutes not being voted on for approval, that they were more informational and less formal than Board Meeting Minutes which had to be voted on and approved. Further, there were no Member Minutes recorded last year.

Cathy offered that they were not needed unless the budget was under consideration. Sally would like to get the Member Minutes on the website. Joan Gross agreed with these last two comments, but explained that we need to keep Membership Meeting minutes because of budget voting and other items that needed to be approved or not approved. Hence both sets of minutes should be sent to the Board, and once there are no further questions put them on the SLGC website.

**Committee Reports:**

**Door Prizes** – Judy Kasianczuk has been in charge of multiple Door Prizes for in-person member meetings and a question arose on whether we should continue with this practice or consider giving just one Door Prize, or a gift card, given the present concern about funds. After brief discussion, a general consensus was formed to follow a suggestion made to suspend Door Prizes for this year to see how our budget develops.

**Picnic:**

**Initial Planning, Location, Date & Time, Food Choices** – This topic was introduced for discussion and quickly resolved with a general agreement by the Board that it was too early in the year to button down these details which would be more easily developed in June after the major focus on the Garden Faire is past.

Question came up about the May Meeting. It may be replaced by a work party, so best to wait until April meeting to determine if there will be a May Meeting.

**Trips Committee:**

Hollis reported that she and Rose have planned a trip to Montgomery Place Garden, one hour away. The date chosen is Tuesday, June 14 with a rain date of June 21, and again offering a lunch from Paula's Country Kitchen.

**Communications Committee:**

Joan Gross reported that she is putting out announcements and links once again. She is getting favorable comments, but doesn't want to overwhelm with too many.

**Community Clean-Up** – May 7<sup>th</sup> will include Averill Park Triangle, AP Post Office, Sand Lake Arts Center, and Butler Park. Firm up who's in charge of each at the April meeting.

**Current Committee Volunteers:**

**Conservation & Preservation** – Joan Gross  
**Holiday Party** – Eileen VanOort, Anna Church  
**Horticulture** – Joan Gross, Barbara Nuffer  
**Plant Sale** – Kim Tucci, Becky Bell  
**Programs** – Need volunteers  
**Scholarship** – Eileen VanOort, Janice Berryann  
**Trips** – Rose Dorr, Hollis McEvilly  
**Website** – Bill Glasser

**Final Comments:**

Hollis announced that Eileen and Janice will be presenting the AP Scholarship on June 7<sup>th</sup>.

Sally thanked everyone.

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

**Board Meeting closed at 6:40PM.**

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