

Sand Lake Garden Club
Members Meeting – 10/27/22

President Sally Perry welcomed our members and guests to the meeting.

Thank you to Connie Gatt for providing refreshments.

Thank you to Ellen Sagar for her presentation on “Arranging and Displaying the Beauty of Nature”. Rose Dorr was the recipient of the beautiful arrangement which was the door prize.

Hollis McEvelly reported that the balance for the SLGC was \$6,345.54.

The date of the Holiday Party will be Wednesday, December 7, 2022 at the Arlington House. The cost will be \$40.00/food will be buffet style. There will be a collection of food for Doors of Hope. The Gardener of the Year will be announced at the party.

Nominations are still being considered for three board members.

Discussion on the club’s accomplishments and what is needed to keep current programs and events in the future. Members indicated that the trips and programs were what people liked most about the club.

The Garden Faire event scheduled for 2023 needs to be addressed, many individuals will be needed. It was suggested that we have direct conversations with members by phone or email instead of waiting for people to volunteer. A member asked that we have the member list distributed to all members with phone, address and email addresses. Joan will send out an email to see how members feel about this. In the past it was felt the list should be kept secure.

Thoughts are needed on the future direction of the club, should it be status quo or try to get new ideas on improvement.

Ray Seney asked about setting up a forum exclusive to members to post questions and exchange ideas. He will look into this and let us know his progress.

Final analysis is member participation is key to the future. Membership participation is declining to less than 50% of registered members, this needs to change to keep the SLGC going forward in the future. What can be done to increase participation?

Adjourned 7:30 PM

Respectfully submitted,
Hollis McEvelly – Co-Secretary