

Sand Lake Garden Club  
September 22, 2022 - Member Meeting

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

Connie Gatt was thanked for, as always, providing a welcoming event for our enjoyment.

Our Program was presented by:

Longtime member and Master Gardener - Pat Mulligan.

Pat has worn many hats in our club including president a few times.

We are very lucky to have her as a leader within our ranks.

Tonight - Pat took the lead once again and taught us how to save the seeds in our gardens.

Pat was thanked for a very informative presentation.

Treasurer Hollis McEvilly reported the current balance of the SLGC checking account is \$6,485.54 as of September 19.

The business portion of the member meeting was focused on the past, present and going forward with the Sand Lake Garden Club.

## **The Past!**

**We made it through the worst of Covid!!**

- ✓ **We Zoomed each other**
- ✓ **Events were scaled back**
- ✓ **We most likely spent more time than ever in our gardens!**

## **The Present:**

### **1. Accomplishments so far in 2022:**

- a. Programs – in all 6 programs will have been presented**
- b. Refreshments supplied for April, September and hopefully October in- person meetings.**
- c. Community gardens - a/k/a - Town Clean-up – May 7th**
  - i. Averill Park Triangle, AP Post Office, Sand Lake Arts Center, Sand Lake Library and Butler Park.**
- d. Garden Faire – May 14th**
  - i. The final tally is in for our Garden Faire and we're happy to say our net proceeds were just over \$3,000!!!**
- e. Scholarship – June 7th**
  - i. Elizabeth Daly received our 2022 scholarship award in the amount of \$600.00.**
- f. Trips**
  - i. Trip to Montgomery Place Garden - June 14th**
- g. Community Garden Meeting - June 30<sup>th</sup>**
- h. Picnic – July 14th**
- i. Website Maintenance – continuous**
- j. Facebook Maintenance - continuous**
- k. Communications – continuous**  
**Including SLGC email account monitoring**

**There are so many members to thank for all of what our club has accomplished so far this year. You are truly devoted to making our club a success.**

## **Going forward!! – Things to be pondering for the future.**

### **A. Nominations for the following will need to be considered:**

- ✓ Three board members are at the end of their terms.**
- ✓ A new administration will need to be formed.**

### **B. Programs – one or more members will be needed to solicit programs for six membership meetings.**

**C. Community gardens – will our club continue to be part of the Town Clean-Up or create our own schedule. The main parking lot of Butler Park is to be redone and the club will no longer be maintaining the entrance garden to the park. Currently there are approximately ten members who have continued to keep these gardens beautiful. Does the club want to continue to maintain:**

- **Averill Park Triangle**
- **AP Post Office**
- **Sand Lake Arts Center**
- **Sand Lake Library.**

**D. Community gardens – continued**

**a. Our club has been asked to take over maintaining the new traffic island at the corner of Routes 43 & 66. We have also been asked to help with other community venues. Should the club define its position and level of responsibility regarding community gardens?**

**i. A review of purpose from constitution states:**

- **The purpose of the Club shall be as follows:**
  - ❖ Learn and provide education about gardening, houseplants, and conservation.
  - ❖ Stimulate interests in gardening.
  - ❖ Enjoy the study of plants and wildlife in the area.
  - ❖ Improve the appearance of the community through gardening projects.
  - ❖ To promote a spirit of friendship and cooperation among the members of the Club

**E. Garden Faire**

**a. The 2022 Garden Faire was truly a success.**

**b. To proceed with this event in 2023 consideration should be taken to have one or multiple individuals handle at a minimum the following responsibilities:**

- Location of Faire
- Procure Perennials, Annuals and Houseplants, maintaining till the day of sale
- Enlist people to start seedlings
- Solicit and Coordinate Vendors
- Plan and coordinate potting nights

- Advertising including placement of sandwich boards
- Pricing of all inventory for sale
- Tent procurement
- Bake Sale Booth
- Raffle tickets and pre-event sales
- Person or persons needed for each table at the Faire including
  1. Perennials
  2. Annuals
  3. Seedlings
  4. Membership
  5. Cashiers
  6. Raffle
  7. Houseplants
  8. Garden Décor

**F. Scholarship - Determine amount of award and have a member willing to present the award to the recipient the night of the awards at Averill Park High School.**

**G. Trips – Members to plan and coordinate one or two garden trips for the membership.**

**H. Picnic – Members to plan and or host the club’s annual picnic.**

**I. Website Maintenance – has been done by the same member for many years.**

**J. Facebook Maintenance – has been handled by the same member for many years.**

**K. Additional Food for thought - Meetings by month for 2023**

- a. January – Annual Meeting – New Board and Officers – Zoom?
- b. February Meeting – Zoom?
- c. March Meeting - Zoom?
- d. April Meeting - return to in-person.
- e. May Meeting – Garden Faire – no regular meeting?
- f. June Meeting – Day Trip – no regular meeting?
- g. July Meeting – Picnic – no regular meeting?

- h. August Meeting – no regular meeting?**
- i. September Meeting – return to regular in house meetings?**
- j. October Meeting – regular in-person.**
- k. November – Thanksgiving - no regular meeting.**
- l. December – Holiday party – no regular meeting.**

**L. Obviously membership participation is the key to future?**

- a. As we are aging out and membership participation is declining to less than 50%, can this be changed to keep the Sand Lake Garden Club going into the future?**

Meeting ended @ 8:00 PM, the next meeting will be Thursday, October 27, 2022.