

Sand Lake Garden Club

Board Meeting Minutes for January 12, 2023

The meeting was called to order in the SL Town Library Conference Room by President Sally Perry at 4:10 PM.

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

Invited guests: Joan Gross and Ellen Dunn, a proposed nominee for the Board.

Secretary's Report:

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

Board Meeting Minutes for October 27, 2022, submitted by Co-Secretary Rose Dorr, were circulated to Board members prior to the meeting. The minutes were approved, after a minor correction was made, by a motion to accept entered by Judy, seconded by Anna. These minutes will also be available on the SLGC Website.

Treasurer's Report:

Treasurer Hollis McEvilly reported the current balance of the SLGC checking account as \$6,353.15 as of yesterday, January 11.

The 990 Tax filing has been delayed due to the IRS website issues. Additionally, Joan Gross reported that she has completed the 2022 audit of the bank statements and found everything to be in good order, as well as very organized.

Old Business:

Christmas Party – President Sally thanked Joan Gross and her committee for the much-enjoyed Christmas party at the Arlington House in December. Hollis volunteered that the **Doors of Hope** sent a nice thank-you note for the non-perishable food donated by the club.

Kim Tucci, who chaired the Garden Faire & Plant Sale in May, was awarded Gardener of the Year at the party.

New Business:

SLGC Brochure – Cathy Welling, who handles making changes for the Brochure, announced that none are needed at this time.

A Brief discussion followed about increasing the awareness of the SLGC and its activities in the broader community. Anna offered that the **SL Center for the Arts** has a spinning rack for brochures. She will investigate whether **SLCA** has room for displaying some SLGC brochures.

Other suggestions included writing articles in the **Advertiser** about SLGC events and activities, updating the website, being listed on the **SL Town Community Organizations Board**. Also getting the **club's garden signs** installed in the community gardens being tended by the SLGC.

Committees for 2023:

Programs for 2023 – Current committee lists tend to have repeat performers. To increase participation, President Sally initiated a discussion on changing the format of the Program Committee such that a different member takes a turn to come up with one program. There are six programs scheduled during the year for **January, February, March, April, September and October**.

The Masters Gardeners are a resource for programs, getting \$50 for presenting a program, while non-master gardeners get \$75 or more. An online list of Garden Club Meeting Ideas is available.

Joan Gross has contacted the Rensselaer County Master Gardeners and they will be presenting our programs in **February** and **March**. The Columbia-Greene County Master Gardener Speakers Bureau will present our program in **April** (Bird Conservancy). The cost is \$50/Regular meeting, \$75/Zoom meeting and \$100/Workshop.

Ellen Dunn, 2022 committee member, volunteered to arrange for the **September** and **October** programs. Cathy suggested that David Chinery, head of CCERC Master Gardeners, could be asked to speak at the **January** meeting.

Scholarship Committee – Committee members are Janice Berryann and Rose Dorr. The scholarship is funded with proceeds from the Garden Faire and plant sale. The honorees who have an interest in horticulture and/or the environment are chosen by Averill Park High School faculty.

Public Relations Committee – Guy Castine accepted membership in the Public Relations Committee with the goal of working with Bill Glasser to update/maintain the SLGC website and generally help to increase public awareness of SLGC activities.

Joan Gross develops content for the website; Joan Grusensky updates SLGC FaceBook; Becky Raymond writes and posts articles in the Advertiser.

2023 Budget:

Dues and Notices - a brief discussion on whether or not to raise annual dues to \$15, from the current \$10, was followed by a motion from Hollis, seconded by Judy, to **raise the dues to \$15**. The proposal will be voted on by the membership during the January Member meeting.

If the **Garden Faire/Plant Sale** is to continue as a fund-raising activity, a primary task will be to determine **one or two people to chair/coordinate the event**. Next is to establish volunteer teams needed for perennials, annuals, vendors, bake sale etc.

A sign-up sheet listing various duties for the Garden Faire/Plant Sale will be circulated during the January Member Meeting.

In case the SLGC decides to no longer participate in this Plant Sale funding activity, it is estimated that the current funds would suffice to support the club scholarship for a few years.

Pending further developments, the **Budget** was **postponed** until the **February Board Meeting**.

Nominations Discussion- Ellen Dunn is a current Board nominee and one more Board nominee is needed. Some Board members will contact other members for the position of President and an additional Board nominee.

Guy Castine will serve as Co-Secretary for recording Board Meeting minutes and Hollis McEvilly will continue as Co-Secretary recording Member Meeting minutes.

All 2023 Meetings will be in-person unless weather causes a delay or cancellation.

Sally thanked everyone.

Motion to adjourn the meeting, was made by Guy, seconded by Judy, and passed.

Board Meeting closed at 5:54 pm.

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

January 26, 2023 Addendum:

Executive Session Attendance: Sally Perry, Rose Dorr, Hollis McEvilly, Judy Kasianczuk, Guy Castine, Russ Gettig, Ellen Dunn, Ellen Sagar. Absent, Anna Church.

The **Executive Session**, with a quorum of 8, including newly elected members Ellen Dunn and Ellen Sager, commenced after completion of Members voting, at 8:45 PM. In the absence of a candidate for President, Sally Perry volunteered to lead the Board as Vice President. Additional proposed candidates were Hollis McEvilly who had agreed to continue as Treasurer and Co-Secretary, and Guy Castine who had agreed to fill the position of Co-Secretary being vacated by Rose Dorr.

Russ motioned to proceed with a vote for the proposed Officers, seconded by Rose.

All in favor? - aye. Any opposed? - none. Congratulations all around! **Session closed 8:20 PM.**