

## **SAND LAKE GARDEN CLUB ANNUAL MEETING**

### **Feb. 25<sup>th</sup>, 2015**

**Meeting Called to Order:** The Sand Lake Garden Club's February 25th meeting was called to order by Pat Mulligan (in the absence of President Connie and Vice President Lizette) @ 7:05 PM. Pat welcomed members and guests.

#### **Reports:**

Treasurer's Report – see attached. The 2015 budget will be presented at the next meeting after the new board has had a chance to review it.

Auditor's Report – Joan Gross – After complete review no discrepancies were found and all records were in excellent shape.

**Election of Board and Introduction of new officers.** Because of the cancellation of the January annual meeting due to inclement weather, the election of officers was held at this meeting. Pat asked if there were any nominations from the floor. Hearing none Pat outlined those who had volunteered to fill positions. Meg Distell moved that the entire slate as presented be accepted. The motion was seconded and the vote was unanimous. The following were elected to serve.

#### Officers

Pat Mulligan- President,

Joan Gross - V.P.

Obadiah Savage - Secretary

Connie Gatt – Treasurer

#### Board members

Mary Hall, Eileen VanOrt and Linda Ormsby

**New Business:** Volunteers were requested to chair and co chair the plant sale committee. None were heard and someone will be sought later.

A discussion on increasing dues was held. The reasoning for the increase was asked and Pat explained that dues have not changed since the inception of the club in 1994. Our annual expenses have increased every year. Couple that with the decrease in last year's annual plant sale profits, our coffers are lower than in prior years. Although our intent is to give back to the

community, we still need sufficient funds to pay for normal expenses such as insurance, scholarships, the clubs memberships to the Garden Conservancy and Community Gardens, speaker fees, committee supplies, etc. Thinking back to what things cost then, \$10 is still a bargain. Meg Distell moved that we accept the increase to \$10. It was seconded and the vote was unanimous.

In the interest of time there were no committee reports given and no Old Business was noted.

Joanne Strevy of Rosewood Gardens, Charlton, NY presented Anyone Can Grow English Roses. There will be a field trip to her gardens on June 30<sup>th</sup>. More details to follow.

**Refreshments and Door Prizes** – Many attendees won great door prizes furnished by door price Chairman Janet Oliver. Delicious refreshments were served after the presentation by MaryLee and Eileen and the evening ended with pleasant conversations and much camaraderie.