

**Sand Lake Garden Club Board Meeting
Minutes September 28, 2016**

Meeting called to order 6:10 PM

Present: Pat Mulligan, Joan Gross, Judy Kasianscuk, Mary Lee Kopache, Connie Gatt, Linda Ormsby
Mary Hall

Excused: Obie Savage, Eileen VanOort

Secretary's Report: Approved as e-mailed. Motion by Joan Gross, second by Judy Kasianczuk

Treasurer's Report: Balance is \$3,484.54. Our bank, First Niagara, is now Key Bank. Report approved with motion by Joan Gross and second by Pat Mulligan.

Old Business: Possible speakers for Christmas party: Nancy O'Donnell or Peter Bouton from Hewitt's. Mary Lee offered to work on centerpieces.

New Business:

Discussed procedure for open discussion at tonight's meeting. Joan Gross will preside, give ground rules and ask people to remain silent so we can hear each speaker; one thing at a time, then move on to others - can speak again later. Plants – do we want those who brought plants to have first chance? Charge 50 cents to others as have done in past.

Clean up Days

Triangle – Connie will handle
Post Office – October 10 at 10 am

Discussion on community and town input and involvement for garden beautification

- Joan suggested Sand Lake Business and Garden Clubs working together
- SLGC develop a simple sign to recognize homes with pleasant gardening, landscaping features, examples: the house next door to the Town Hall, house next door to the Getty Station in AP, the two homes next to Tremont's, and the house across from Hannaford's, all on Route 43.

Further mention of coordinating with East Schodack and East Greenbush Garden Clubs by Joan Gross and Pat Mulligan. Leaders to try to help each other with programming, membership and project involvement. Diane Madden –EG; Beth Bechand – East Schodack; Kinderhook?

October General Membership meeting presenter will be Rensselaer County Master Gardener Meg Distell offering a program entitled "Looking at Your Garden in a New Way".

Meeting adjourned @ 6:50 PM.

Respectfully submitted by
Mary Hall, Secretary