

**Sand Lake Garden Club Membership Meeting
Minutes– October 26, 2016**

Meeting called to order by Pat Mulligan @ 7:00 pm. Members and guests were welcomed and a reminder given to all present to sign in so they would be included in the door prize drawing at the end of the meeting.

Treasurer's Report: Balance of \$3,254.54.

Old Business: The holiday party is scheduled for December 7 at Paola Lombardi's in Wynantskill with appetizers and cash bar cocktails at 5:30 followed by dinner at 6:30. Cost is \$26.50 and checks should be mailed to Sand Lake Garden Club, PO Box 660 by November 23.

Canned goods will be collected and donated to 'Doors of Hope'. Monetary donations may be given for "Adopt a Senior" sponsored by the Rensselaer County DSS. For each donation, receive a ticket for a door prize.

Joan Gross will send an email reminder.

New Business:

Gardener of the Year procedure was discussed. Members will receive ballot by email that should be returned to Pres. Pat Mulligan or V.P Joan Gross by Nov 20. Ballot includes name of nominee, voter's name and a reason why nomination is made, that is, how the nominee has contributed to the club's viability. Members previously receiving the award are eligible to receive it again.

Programming for 2017 – Pat Mulligan shared that the February speaker will present the Hidden Gardens of Paris. January program is being planned. Garden club members appreciated the round table discussion of gardening issues in September so another will be scheduled in 2017.

Committee Reports:

Trips – A reminder that the trip to the Olana Historic Site is set for October 28th. Cost is \$10 (cash or check to Mary Hall) and we will car pool from Hannaford's in West Sand Lake, meeting at 8:15 am to leave at 8:30. Members can walk the grounds until 10:30 when we report inside for a house tour. Upon completing the tour, the group will head to the Chatham Grill in Chatham NY for lunch.

Presentation: Rensselaer County Master Gardener and longtime Sand Lake Garden Club member Meg Distell presented a slide show program entitled "Looking at Your Garden in a New Way," focusing on viewing sections of your garden from the inside viewing out, and from the outside, viewing your garden as it blends into the total landscape.

Door prizes were distributed.

Refreshments by Judy K and

Thank you.

Respectfully submitted by
Mary Hall, Treasurer