

SLGC January 18, 2012 Meeting

In Attendance: Ellen Dunn, Connie Gatt, Jan Reinhardt, Joan Grusensky, Lizette Strait, Amy Falk, Rosanne Braslow.

1. **Discussion of the CDs** ? longer term vehicle. Ask Joan Gross if she has any advice.
2. **Plant Sale:** Pat Mulligan would be in charge of transplanting; volunteer for divisions to take place at his house, Lizette will ask Marty if she will be involved, digs are not well attended- this may be because it is during working day hours. Some leftovers plants from last year. Maybe able to take plant material from Diane Hale's garden. Connect with the youth director to get assistance with the digs. Lizette will be in charge of the plant sale. ? Tremonts this year... too small? Issue with crossing the road with your purchases? Decision to continue at the church. If Audie is at January meeting get her folder about set up and details. Signs are too cumbersome... switch to campaign style signs.
3. **Scholarships:** Now known as the Diane Hale Scholarship; need a committee to determine guidelines for applications, essay, ? have the students apply directly to the SLGC for selection, Amy will chair committee, open to residents of Averill Park not only Averill Park High School. If letter comes from school, it will be directed to Amy. Would like to repeat last year's awarding of scholarship at the SLGC potluck.
4. **Programs:** add Terrariums to the schedule, perhaps in Sept (Pat Mulligan/MG). Garden Tours in July; Jean Chenette Container Gardening in April. Just need August and October.
5. **Surveys:** Results reviewed. Recommendation to have the meeting after the speaker instead of before... ? Raising dues to hire professional speakers more frequently. Gearing more meetings to assist inexperienced gardeners. Maybe have a "Gardening for Dummies" meeting... this may attract new members.
6. **Recruiting New Members:** Change advertisements to highlight "You don't need to be a member to come to the meetings." Better PR... put \$250 in the budget for advertising. Articles in the Advertiser would be free.
7. **Refreshments:** Jan & Ellen for January's meeting.
8. **New Board Members:** Connie, Lizette, and Joan... all will re-up as board members. Do we need ballots? No just a verbal announcement.
9. **Officers:** Connie volunteered to be president. Joan will continue as treasurer.

Next Meeting: February 15, 2011 at Ellen Dunn's. 301 Hidley Road (right at end of Edward's Road), Wynantskill... Tan with white deck.

Respectfully submitted,

Rosanne Braslow

Secretary