Sand Lake Garden Club Membership Meeting January 24, 2018

President Pat Mulligan called the Membership meeting to order at 7:03 PM. She greeted the 26 members present and guests were introduced.

<u>Treasurer's Report</u> – Mary Hall indicated that the year-end balance was \$3,094.09.

<u>Auditor's Report -</u> Joan Gross complemented Treasurer Mary Hall for her detailed listing of monthly expenses and income for the year. She indicated that having the records on line made the audit much easier than in the past. Everything was in order and balanced.

<u>Budge Report:</u> Joan Gross explained the process involved with doing the budget and after discussion the board had approved the 2018 budget unanimously. It was available to the membership for review.

Old Business discussed was thank you to all who had set up the Holiday Party.

Mary Hall was congratulated for being the club's "Gardener of the Year."

<u>New Business</u> consisted of changing the club's membership meeting dates, at the request of the Town Supervisor, from the fourth Wednesday of the month to the fourth Thursday of the month. This will take effect on January 23, 2019 after the membership has voted on an amendment to change the by laws.

Next on the agenda was a vote for the proposed slate of officers and new board members. After hearing no nominations from the floor, the following candidates were voted on: Mary Lee Kopache for President, Connie Gatt for Vice-president, Janice Berryann for Secretary and Rose Dorr, Board Member. Motion was made by Kathy Welling to accept the slate of candidates and was seconded by Meg Distell. All present voted the officers in.

<u>Guest speaker</u> at the meeting was Marthanne Linacre, Master gardener with the Cornell Cooperative Extension. Her topic was on "How to Design, Build and Landscape a pond." She presented a detailed slide show of step-by-step procedures on how to build and maintain a pond. Handouts were made available to the members showing specifics on constructing your own pond. Presentation was well received, by those present, and many questions were asked afterwards.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:25 PM. Members then participated in refreshments provided by Eileen VanOort and Judy Kasianczuk. Tonight's door prizes were selected by Linda and Judy.

Respectfully submitted by, Janice Berryann, Secretary