

Sand Lake Garden Club Board Meeting

March 20, 2025

Attendance: Janice Berryann, Rose Dorr, Ellen Dunn, Russ Gettig, Hollis McEvilly, Elen Sagar

Absent: Sue Zimmer

The meeting was opened by President Janice at 4:01 PM in the Sand Lake Town Library.

Secretary's Report: There were no corrections to the Secretary's February Report which had been distributed to members via email. Motion to accept the minutes was made by Hollis, seconded by Russ, all approved.

Treasurer's Report: The SLGC checking account balance is \$7,664.71, the same as last month.

Old Business:

- A discussion was held regarding the SLGC plans to maintain the **Averill Park Post Office garden**. An issue had arisen regarding the difficulty of maintaining the garden which has been overrun with invasive tree seedlings and some edging that was deteriorating. Through discussions that Janice initiated with the Post Mistress, it was learned that the absentee landlord of the Post Office property had given a directive to have no garden on the property due to liability issues.

Under this circumstance the Board members decided it was in the club's best interest to no longer attempt to take care of this town garden at the APPO. A motion to support this conclusion was made by Ellen S., seconded by Rose, and approved by the board members.

Janice will inform Town Supervisor Steve Clemmons of this change.

- **Plant Sale discussion:** A request has been received to allow Rensselaer Cooperative Extension to sell plants at our Plant Sale. After discussion, it was decided that this was not a good plan since it would dilute sales at the SLGC Plant Sale which is the only fund-raiser held by the club. A motion to this effect was made by Ellen D., seconded by Russ, and passed by the members.

Ellen D. informed the board that the RCCE Master Gardeners would not be having a Crafts and Tool Sale during the SLGC Plant Sale this year.

New business:

- The **Summer Picnic** will be held on July 23rd at Butler Park, 4 to 7 PM. Permission from the SL Town had been arranged and the fee will again be waived.
- The topic of having **Member Garden Tours** this year was discussed. Typically, four to five gardens would be visited on a tour. Possible hosting was expressed by Pat & Rich Riedel at the last Member Meeting. There is possible interest to host a tour from Paul & Kim, Rt 150 in Schodack, who have a banana tree. Also, Janice has considered hosting a tour of her garden this summer. The topic will be brought up to the club members to determine if there is interest in volunteering to participate as a host.

Possible dates are the fourth Thursday in June or the beginning of August.

- Janice and Rose will present the SLGC scholarship at the **Averill Park Scholarship** ceremony scheduled for June 3rd at 6:00 PM.

- The Sand Lake community-wide clean-up will take place Saturday, May 3rd. SLGC members will help clean gardens in Butler Park, the SLCA, and the AP Triangle. The Town will supply trash bags, bottled water and granola bars.
- Janice announced that the speaker for the March member meeting, Alesia Wasula, has asked for permission to bring copies of her book, "Weather Primer for Gardeners," to offer for sale at \$20 (cash or online credit). Also, can she bring a friend to the meeting?
Absolutely!

A motion to adjourn the meeting at 5:05 PM was made by Hollis, seconded by Russ and approved by the board.

Respectfully submitted,
Rose Dorr, Interim Secretary