

**Sudbury Garden Club Board Meeting
Outgoing/Incoming Board Meeting
June 12th, 2024
Ann Boland's Home**

The Meeting began at 4:23 PM.

Attendance

Barbara Baumgardner, Ann Boland, Pat Drobinski, Barbara Fay, Sally Gaburo, Mike Hunter, Beth Iosua, Diane Jost, Kaffee Kang, Diane Kaplan, Janelle Landrigan, Juju Lem Pang, Leslie Lowe, Patty McCann, Connie Sanchez-Morillo, and Carol Shapanka.

Secretary's Report

A motion was made by Barbara Baumgardner to accept the May Board Meeting Minutes dated May 22, 2024. The motion was seconded. All were in favor.

Treasurer's Report

- A motion was made by Beth Iosua to accept the Treasurer's Report dated June 12th, 2024. The motion was seconded, and all were in favor.
- Janelle reminded board members that she needs all outstanding receipts for the past year by June 30th, 2024 so the year can be closed out.
- The Certificates of Deposit are doing well, and she plans to roll over the ones coming due as well as purchase some new ones with the plant sale proceeds.
- The board approved a \$50.00 gift card on behalf of the SGC to be given by Jo Ann Forester to the annual meeting presenter, Lauren Prescott, for a job well done.

Annual Meeting Review

The Annual Meeting held in the Wayside Inn was a success. In summary, 39 members attended; praises for Joan Buxton's floral arrangements on the tables were given; it was noted that the Wayside Inn menu lacks sparkle, however the waived \$450 fee for room rental was a plus.

Executive Board

-The new term for the board begins on July 1, 2024. Members were voted in at the Annual meeting.

Co Presidents: Juju Lem Pang and Carol Shapanka

Co Vice Presidents: Sally Gaburo and Mike Hunter

Treasurer: Janelle Landrigan

Co Secretaries: Patty McCann and Connie Sanchez-Morillo

-New Executive Board members should discuss the responsibilities of their roles with the outgoing members.

-The Next Board Meeting will be on September 25, 2024 at Pat Drobinski's house.

Vice Presidents' Committee Fulfillment Review

-No progress has been made on filling open Committee Head positions. The new Vice Presidents will be given access to the SignUpGenius shortly. At this point they will begin in earnest to fill empty positions.

-The question was raised as to why the SGC has their first general meeting prior to its first Board meeting. The presidents will decide when or if the Board or Executive committee will meet prior to the September general meeting.

Philanthropy

-Janelle L. has sent the scholarship checks to Sara S. for the scholarship recipients. Sara has been asked to schedule a photo op with the scholarship recipients at Heritage Park.

Membership

-Ann Boland gave an update on membership numbers. Projected membership for 2024-2025 is 40 active members, down from 48; 7 associate members, up from 4; 1 family member; and 14 Supporting members, up from 12. The numbers are not yet finalized.

-She also brought a problem to the Board's attention. We have 44 dates for Library flowers, and have only 40 active members. No resolution was reached.

Programs 2024-2025

-Pat D. gave an update on Programs for 2024-2025 year.

-The September program still needs a speaker in addition to Kaffee K. and will be decided before the September meeting. The October meeting is on Edible plants found in Nature. The November topic will focus on Horticulture programs in prisons. The January meeting is via Zoom and the topic will be determined by The Thursday Garden Club. Heather Halsey will speak in February, March will focus on Birding and April will feature a speaker from Tower Hill.

Community Outreach

-Diane Kaplan reported that all the Senior Center flower slots are filled. Flowers must be in place on Monday and picked up on Friday.

Civic Beautification

-Water schedules are updated in SignUpGenius. There are still some empty slots for Town Hall, The Library, Heritage Park and the 117 Island watering.

-Lynn Noland has plants that she wants to put into the garden on 117, but she needs help. Patty and Janelle offered to help her out.

-Governance

-There were no advances made toward the GCFM grants.

-Hospitality

-Patty McCann has a packet all set to give to the "yet to be designated" Hospitality chair. The packet outlines the roles of Chair and Coordinators, guidelines of duties and what needs to happen by date. The information is presented on a spreadsheet.

-Pat D. gave funny and sweet awards to various members of the Board. It was enjoyed by all.

-The Summer Garden Tours are underway. The one held by Juju was very enjoyable, informal, and not just SGC members attended!

Yearbook Dates

-Items need to be submitted to the Yearbook Committee as soon as possible. Email your items to Ann Boland.

-Gathering of the Green Thumbs will be:

Friday, June 14 at noon

Welly's 23 Main St., Hudson

RSVP Marilyn Hodges 617 548 7080

GCFM

-Juju and Carol will be attending the 97th Annual Meeting on June 13, 2024. Lynn Noland will not be attending due to health issues. Lynn's granddaughter, Phoebe, won the poetry contest for her grade 3, age 8. Lynn had sponsored her from our club since she lives in another town.

-This is from Lynn:

I wanted to let our board know how advanced our club is in activities, community service, our website, using online sales and credit cards at our sale. After hearing how other clubs are having struggles, we should feel proud we have members to be Officers, spend money wisely and have budgeted for two years.

Other

Jo Ann would like to purchase a signage placeholder plaque for the Senior Center flower arrangements saying "Sudbury Garden Club". It is \$25.00 on Etsy. It will come out of the Presidents' budget.

Have a safe and wonderful summer. See you all in September!

Meeting adjourned 5:18 PM

Minutes respectfully submitted by Sally Gaburo and Beth Iosua