

**Sudbury Garden Club Board Meeting Minutes**  
**March 22,2023**  
**Juju Lem Pang's Home**

**Attendance**

Barbara Baumgardner, Ann Boland, Pat Drobinski, Jo Ann Forester, Beth Iosua, Diane Kaplan, Juju Lem Pang, Leslie Lowe, Tricia McCann, Sara Salomon, Patti Walch

**Secretary's Report**

A motion was made and seconded to accept the minutes of the February board meeting. All were in favor.

**Treasurer's Report**

A treasurer's report was not presented.

**Grants Update**

A memorial bench for members of the Sudbury Garden Club was mentioned. The Club will discuss this next year.

**Programs**

The Speaker's Forum (now on Zoom) has taken place, the Programs Committee has met, and the dates of the programs/general meetings for 2023-2324 have been established. The Board discussed having the January General meeting via zoom in the evening. The joint meeting with the Thursday Club will likely be in March. Speakers will be discussing the Bruce Freeman Rail Trail at the April General Meeting.

Jo Ann will video the April meeting and it will be added to the website. A representative from Hartney Greymount, who is a master gardener and arborist, has offered to donate her time to speak to the membership about soil testing and pruning at the May General meeting.

**Membership**

Ann will contact Kaffee about setting up the signup genius for membership signup in April. Reminder postcards are done and will be sent.

Discussion of inviting the public to meetings occurred as a result of 1800 people seeing the Facebook post about the Rail Trail presentation at the March meeting.

Handouts for the Earth Day Fair on April 22 at the Goodnow Library were discussed.

**Community Outreach**

Diane reported that the residents of Sudbury Pines loved the Valentine's Day arrangements and sent a nice note. All the pots were returned. The next outreach will be after the April meeting and will go to the food pantry. The committee will make fifty arrangements plus five for the

SGC. The workshop has been moved from the hall to a classroom. The pansies will be purchased from Cavicchios.

Sixteen people signed up for Jo Ann's class at LS on Tuesday, April 4<sup>th</sup> from 7-8:30 to make fifty arrangements for Meals on Wheels as well as an arrangement to take home. Jo Ann will bring a list of plants that were available at last year's sale as well as a new member form.

### **Plant Sale**

Leslie Lowe and Kaffee Kang will be chairing the online plant sale and Mike Hunter and Carol Shapanka are chairing the live plant sale and Patti Walch is consulting with all of them. There are digs scheduled in April and May which are listed on a sign up genius.

Updates were given about the bake sale, annuals, hanging baskets, member perennials and Cavicchio's purchases. Members of the Plant Sale Committee are calling members to confirm their plant sale responsibilities. The next plant sale meeting is April 5 at 3:00.

### **Flowers for Senior Center**

The Senior Center would like the SGC to supply a small arrangement during the summer months (6/19-8/28). Jo Ann made a sign up genius for arrangements and Diane will make a sign for the display. An article will go into the Grapevine.

### **SGC and Thursday Garden Club Joint Public Watering Project**

Joy DeMaggio reached out to other towns to see how they watered their gardens. She concluded that the town should be more involved in watering and asked the town for help. The Town replied that if the clubs (SGC and Thursday Garden Club) bought a water tank, the town will water 6 gardens once a week. We took a "sense of the meeting" to determine the interest in pursuing this. The Board is interested and will discuss after more research (logistics, costs, payments, etc) is done.

### **Earth Fair**

There will be an Earth Fair at the Goodnow Library on Saturday, April 22 from 10:00-2:00. The club will have two shifts of two members to occupy the tables. There will be a sign up genius for planning. The activities will be aimed towards children. The plant sale will be advertised and Jo Ann will send the Board a video about the club that will be run at the fair.

Since the SGC has already participated in two fairs, the Board discussed creating a Public Relations committee for the fair and adding a "social media publicity" responsibility to the yearbook.

### **Color me Floral**

The Ikebana workshop held on March 21<sup>st</sup> was a success. Members enjoyed creating a Moribana arrangement. Juju will send an article to Ann for the Grapevine. Juju and Carol are planning the workshops for the 2023-2024 year.

### **Green Thumbs**

The Green Thumbs will be having lunch at the Colonial Inn in Concord at 12:00 on Friday, April 6.

### **Floral Show Visits**

The Fitchburg Art Museum's Art in Bloom will be from Thursday, 4/27-Sunday, 4/30. Members who are interested can sign up (via a sign up genius) to go on Thursday 4/27. They will meet at Ascension (previously OLOF) at 10:30 am and have lunch prior to viewing the show. The tickets are \$15 (members of FAM free). (There will not be a CLUB trip to the MFA as the Club is not being represented this year.)

The Museum bus line item of \$125 will be removed from the budget.

### **Scholarships**

There is a new person at LSRHS who is responsible for scholarships. Although the deadline is before the April break, Sara commented that many students file their applications late. Sara will have a Scholarship Committee meeting as soon as she receives the applications.

### **GCFM**

The Annual GCFM meeting will take place on June first on the Cape. The Club needs a new GCFM contact. Jo Ann will fill in for now and may attending the meeting.

### **Hospitality**

The MCC has bought glass plates and glass mugs which the Club can use. The Club is now down to two supply bins. Extra hospitality supplies will be brought to the annual meeting.

### **Sunshine update**

There is now a Google form on the Members Only portion of the website that members can fill in and submit for members who may be in need of sunshine. The forms will be directed to the Hospitality Committee. Jo Ann will demonstrate how to use the form to the membership at a meeting.

The meeting adjourned at 11:44.

Beth Iosua and Juju Lem Pang

Recording Secretaries