

**Sudbury Garden Club Board Meeting Minutes**  
**October 25, 2023**  
**Sally Gaburo's House**

**Attendance**

Barbara Baumgardner, Ann Boland, Pat Drobinski, Barbara Fay, Sally Gaburo, Marilyn Hodges, Diane Kaplan, Janelle Landrigan, Juju Lem Pang, Leslie Lowe, Tricia McCann, Connie Sanchez Morillo, Lynn Noland, Carol Shapanka

**Secretary's Report**

A correction to the September Board Meeting Minutes was made regarding the Penny for Pines Program found in the "Other" section. Funds were updated to \$103.00 from the original report of \$68.00. A motion was made and seconded to approve the minutes of the September 27th, 2023 Board meeting. All were in favor.

**Treasurer's Report**

A motion was made and seconded to approve the Treasurer's Reports for the months of June, September and October 2023. All were in favor. Janelle Landrigan highlighted some items on the October Treasurer's report. The interest income line item is above budget due to the purchase of CDs resulting from better than expected Plant Sale proceeds. A reminder was made to use the Request for Payment forms available on the website in order to get reimbursed for Garden Club purchases. A recommendation to label the new SGC computer for security purposes was raised.

**Board Meeting - November**

November's board meeting will be at Pat Drobinski's Home, 94 Woodside Road in Sudbury.

**Holiday Updates**

Hosmer House decorating has been canceled due to mold developing from a water incursion. Thanks to Connie Sanchez Morillo for volunteering to chair. Tuesday, November 28th is the decorating date for the Wayside Inn. Volunteers for decorating the stairs and the outside lamp post and a volunteer to help with the Girl Scouts are still needed. Carol Shapanka gave an update on the upcoming workshop, and she confirmed the two Wayside Inn preparation meetings (November 7th and 14th 1-4 PM). The purpose of the meetings is to make ornaments, spruce up garlands and make bows. A request for \$150.00 was made for a tabletop Christmas tree decorated with origami cranes to celebrate the golden anniversary of holiday decoration at the Inn (50 years). The Hosmer House budget amount of \$125.00 was transferred to the President's Expense budget line for this one time expense. A motion was made and seconded to approve this request. All were in favor.

**The Silver Plate**

The Garden Club is collecting/requesting donations for Silver Plate. Please send donations to Janelle Landrigan. Checks should be made out to Sudbury Garden Club. November will be the only meeting to donate in person.

## **Civic Beautification**

No Chairs were in attendance for an update.

## **Community Outreach**

Pat Drobinski and Diane Kaplan gave an update. On Tuesday, November 21, 9:30-11 am, volunteers will be making Thanksgiving arrangements. Seventeen members are on the committee, so it is in great shape. Diane Kaplan's nephew has donated pot covers, making assembly easy. Patty will send a thank you to Diane's nephew. November's arrangements will go to Meals on Wheels.

## **Governance**

The Governance question was tabled until the next meeting.

Question on proposing a change in the wording under Policies and Procedures Number 4.

"Upon the death of a Member or someone in a Member's immediate family, a charitable donation from the club shall be made in the name of the deceased"

Proposed change:

"Upon the death of a Member or someone in a Member's immediate family to include spouse, offspring or parent, a charitable donation from the club shall be made in the name of the deceased"

Tabled by Barbara B, because Beth was not present at the meeting.

## **Publicity**

Barbara Fay changed the start time of the general meetings to 10:30 am for public (i.e. non-member) attendees. The Club would like to post our list of programs on Sudbury TV. Barbara F. will follow up to see how this can be accomplished.

## **Hospitality**

The coffee discussion relating to the joint meeting was tabled. A suggestion was made to purchase the coffee from Karma rather than Dunkin based on the quality of the coffee and to support a local business.

Janelle Landrigan will take Meredith's place on November Hospitality duties.

Update on the Holiday party: Patty and Helen met with Meredith. All is in place. There are three coordinators but no committee because everybody brings something. There will be a sign up genius for what members will contribute. Members will be made aware at the next general meeting that they need to sign up if they will be attending. Janelle asked about decorations. Meredith is all set with decorations.

## **Membership**

Ann Boland has sent out four yearbooks to members that are not attending meetings. She gave out most of the remaining yearbooks to Board members to distribute to those members. No new members were announced.

## **Yearbook / Website**

A suggestion was made by Juju to add SGC gmail emails for Presidents, Treasure, Membership and Plant Sale under the Members Only section. Barbara F will follow up on this item with Kaffee who is in charge of the SGC website.

## **Plant Sale**

Leslie Lowe updated the successes of the Fall digs. There have been six digs, two self digs, and over 250 plants potted and put back in the ground to overwinter. An idea was raised to get members to think about what plants they might want to donate in the Spring. Leslie asked if anyone has photos from the May Plant Sale 2023 to update the website.

## **Programs**

The Program Committee needs to tell Ann a week before the meeting if they need a projector and/or screen (presenter setup requirements) via email. Ann needs help to move the podium with the microphone to the front of the room. It will go on sliders for ease of movement. Someone needs to be trained for screen and projector set up and take down.

## **Social Activities**

The next Green Thumbs luncheon date is Friday, November 3 at noon, at Chill (416 Boston Post Rd E., Marlborough). RSVP to Joanne Bennett. The last luncheon was fun with 11 folks attending.

## **Color Me Floral Workshop - Tablescape**

Heather and Jeanne are leading a workshop on Thursday, November 2, from 10 am -12 pm at the MCC. Thirteen people have signed up. Juju is working on the January workshop. Its theme will be a monochromatic arrangement of flowers. Lynn Noland will help find federation designers and give the names to Juju.

## **Art In Bloom-MFA Boston**

Registration for Art in Bloom at the MFA is on Monday, November 27, 2023 online. The Art in Bloom event is on Thursday, April 25th - Sunday, April 28, 2024. Carol and Juju will be registering for AIB at the MFA on November 27th. The Fitchburg Art Museum Flower Show is the same day as the MFA's.

## **GCFM - update**

Lynn Noland informed the Board that the GCFM would like clubs to invite district presidents to a meeting. Eleven shovels were ordered. The deadline for state grants and awards is November 6th. The GCFM has seminars on pollinator gardens, floral design, landscape design and flower judging.

## **Sunshine Committee**

Five cards were sent, one memorial donation was made.

## **Other:**

The Club's excess funds were discussed. Heather has requested a few things for the butterfly garden. There are opportunities to fund a bench along the rail trail; Pat D. will get the specifications and information. We will discuss this at the November board meeting.

Grapevine items are due by Friday, October 27.

The meeting adjourned at 11:04 AM.

**Recording Secretaries**

Sally Gaburo and Beth Iosua