

Sudbury Garden Club Board Meeting Minutes

January 25, 2023

Helen Crary's Home

Attendance

Barbara Baumgardner, Ann Boland, Helen Crary, Barbara Fay, Jo Ann Forester, Beth Iosua, Diane Kaplan, Janelle Landrigan, Juju Lem Pang, Leslie Lowe, Patti McCann, Pauline O'Bray, Carol Shapanka

Secretary's Report

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

Treasurer's Report

A motion was made and seconded to approve the Treasurer's Report. All were in favor. It was noted that the "Heritage Park Sign" line in the Treasurer's Report should be removed.

Preliminary dues discussion

The Board discussed whether membership dues should be increased to reflect the increasing expenses of operating the Club. The dues has not been increased for 12 years. A vote will be taken at the next board meeting to determine if and how much the dues should increase. The board agreed that the dues amount should be discussed every year at the January Board Meeting.

Membership

April is membership month and the time to begin membership renewals. The Club's goal is to have returning members renew before the summer begins so that the yearbook committee will not be working on it over the summer. Signups and payment will be available on line before the plant sale opens.

Community Service

There will be a workshop after the general meeting on February 8 to make arrangements to go to the Sudbury Pines nursing home. This activity will occur in a new space at the MCC (rather than in the room where the general meeting will take place). The committee noted the increasing costs of flowers, foil, and other supplies for creating arrangements.

Plant Sale Meeting

There will be a plant sale meeting on Wednesday, February 8 at 3:00 pm via Zoom. The goal of this meeting is to have the committees and committee leaders in place.

Holiday Party/Annual Meeting

Juju will host the annual meeting in her backyard. The board is seeking a small committee to plan this event. This is a slight change from the yearbook. The Board discussed adding the Holiday Party and Annual Meeting planning to the Hospitality committee for 2023-2024.

Programs

The February 8th program at the MCC is entitled "Hikes Through History." The committee reports that all preparations are made. The GCFM Speakers' Forum will occur via Zoom (only) on March 16. The board is seeking additional members to join the Programs Committee.

Color Me Floral

The next Color Me Floral workshop will be on Wednesday, February 1, at the MCC from 10-12. Nine members have signed up for making a vertical arrangement based on one of Juju's paintings. Juju will also instruct the club in the use of agrawool.

Joy DeMaggio will be giving an Ikebana workshop on Tuesday, March 21st from 10-12 at the MCC.

Green Thumbs

The Green Thumbs will have lunch at Lotus Blossom on Friday, February 3rd at 12:00.

Floral Show Visit plans

The Worcester Art Museum will be having "Flora in Winter" from March 2-5. The tickets are \$30.00. There will be a sign-up genius for riders and drivers. The Museum of Fine Arts will be presenting "Art in Bloom" from Friday, April 28-Sunday, April 30. Ann will check on the bus cost.

GCFM

The GCFM has been promoting their schools. Jo Ann will send Ann the GCFM links to put in the Grapevine.

Sunshine update

Ann will set up a sign-up genius for volunteers to provide meals for a member who is having a medical issue.

Other

The on-line store is presently not available for purchasing SGC clothing and accessories. Jo Ann will follow up with Graphic Connections.

The meeting adjourned at 10:56 am.

Beth Iosua and Juju Lem Pang

Recording Secretaries