

Sudbury Garden Club
Board Meeting Minutes
April 26, 2023
Janelle Landrigan's House

Attendance

Barbara Baumgardner, Joanne Bennett, Ann Boland, Barbara Fay, Jo Ann Forester, Marilyn Hodges, Kaffee Kang, Diane Kaplan, Janelle Landrigan, Juju Lem Pang, Leslie Lowe, Tricia McCann, Connie Sanchez Morillo, Carol Shapanka, Patti Walch

Secretary's Report

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

Treasurer's Report

Treasurer's Report for April was presented. A Treasurer's proposed report for fiscal year 2023-2024 was presented with proposed line budget increases to committees. Janelle spoke about the April budget report. A motion was passed to accept the April Treasurer's report. All were in favor.

Membership

There are potentially ten members who have not renewed their membership and Ann is waiting for these members to sign up and pay their dues. So far, forty-one members have renewed as active members.

Earth Fair

Carol spoke about the Earth Fair that was held at the Goodnow Library. It was a success and a representative of the SGC was interviewed and will be on cable TV. Plant sale brochures were distributed. A few people expressed interest in joining SGC. Kaffee suggested an email signup list to be at the Earth Day Fair next year and having an email signup sheet at the plant sale on May 13th.

Green Thumbs

The Green Thumbs will be having lunch at Cafe Nero in Concord on Friday, May 5th at 12 noon. Marilyn Hodges is the contact person.

Community Outreach

A letter was received from Tom McGowan and Meals on Wheels for appreciation for the floral arrangements that SGC donated.

Civic Beautification

No progress was reported on the watering tank for the town's gardens. The water tank will cost about \$300. The SGC will split the purchase with the Thursday Garden Club. A motion was made to pay up to \$500 for the water tank for the town to water our civic beautification areas. This includes the cost of the tank and its accessories. All were in favor.

Fitchburg Art In Bloom

Plans to carpool have been established to visit AIB at the FAM to view Carol and Juju's floral arrangement on Thursday, April 27th.

May General Meeting

The May general meeting will feature the following:

- Soil Testing - Members can bring their soil to be tested
- The arborist from Rainy Fountain will discuss pruning shrubs and trees.
- Art In Bloom at the FAM - Carol and Juju will describe their floral arrangement and experience at the FAM Art in Bloom.
- Plant Sale Review – The preliminary results of the plant sale will be presented (no public attendance).

Sunshine Update

A contribution was made and condolences were sent to Meredith Cabarras in memory of her husband. A card was sent to Frances Shashoua for the passing of her Mother-in-Law. A card was sent to Nancy Brisebois for her accident on her finger.

Annual Meeting

An agenda needs to be set and the 2023-2024 budget will be voted on at the annual meeting.

GCFM

The GCFM meeting will be on June 1, from 9:30-3:45 at the Cape. Lynn may be going to represent the SGC. A raffle prize will be given at the end of the meeting.

Plant Sale

Digs have been going great. Carol suggested placing a note (on the plant sale pots) to recycle the pots back to the SGC. Another plant sale meeting is planned for the week before the plant sale. There will be a plant sale Zoom meeting on Tuesday afternoon, May 9th, at 4 PM.

Proposed Budget Discussion

The proposed 2023-2024 budget was discussed line by line. The Programs Committee planned a full year of speakers (7 speakers). The January meeting will be a zoom meeting combined with the Thursday Garden Club. The March meeting will be a joint meeting with the Thursday Garden Club. The SGC will share the expense for the speaker. A "Membership Promotion/Marketing" line will replace the "Miscellaneous" category in the budget. A new "Initiative" category will be added and have a budget appropriation of \$250.00.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:42 AM.

Submitted by Beth Iosua and Juju Lem Pang
Recording Secretaries