

## Minutes of the Sudbury Garden Club

April 27, 2022

Kaffee Kang's Home

### **Attendance**

Marilyn Hodges, Kaffee Kang, Pauline O'Bray, Barbara Fay, Ann Boland, Barbara Baumgardner, Jo Ann Forester, Beth Iosua, Patti McCann, Juju Lem Peng, Lynn Noland, Joanne Bennett, Patti Walch via zoom, Leslie Lowe, Diane Kaplan

### **Secretary's Report**

A motion was made and seconded to approve the Minutes of the March Board Meeting dated March 24, 2022, with suggested edits. All were in favor.

### **Treasurer's Report**

A motion was made and seconded to approve the Treasurer's Reports dated April 26, 2022. All were in favor.

### **2022-2023 Budget**

Committee chairs need to send budget requests to Pauline by May 18.

### **Square Account**

Pauline needs to close the Square account by May 10. Member dues must be paid by check after that date.

### **A note on electronic gift cards:**

The Club cannot recognize the revenue on an ecard until it is redeemed. Therefore, an outstanding egift card is a liability that must be carried on the books. The Club will discontinue issuing ecards and the ability to purchase them has been taken off the web site. Donation gift certificates are acceptable as no money is exchanged.

### **GCFM Update**

The GCFM's annual meeting is Thursday, June 2, at the Milford Doubletree Inn. Six members of the Club may attend. Lynn also noted that the dates of all the Massachusetts garden clubs' plant sales are posted on the GCFM's web site.

### **Membership**

Twenty-five members and two new members have signed up for the 2022-2023 year. Members are encouraged to sign up ASAP. The Board discussed assigning mentors to some of our long-term members.

### **Art in Bloom**

Five members will be going to Art in Bloom at the MFA. They will meet in the OLOF parking lot at 9:00am on Friday, April 29<sup>th</sup> and carpool to the museum.

### **Plant Sale Publicity**

Signs for the plant sale will be placed throughout town. Kaffee will ask about putting one at the Rugged Bear Plaza.

### **Facebook Management**

The Facebook team is working on connecting the Club's Facebook page to the Club and not a specific person. At present, it is connected to Helen C. Jo Ann will check with the GCFM to see if they know how to do this. It was noted that Instagram and Facebook continue to increase in popularity as preferred methods of obtaining information related to organizations.

### **2022/2023 Hospitality and Programs**

Responsibilities of preparing for the general, holiday, and annual meetings were discussed as to delineating the responsibilities of the Programs and Hospitality Committees.

Jo Ann brought up the idea of re-distributing duties for the general meetings so that Hospitality is responsible for set-up and breakdown of chairs and tables. She proposed this change because she felt Program Committee members are overly burdened every month, whereas, with our increased membership, there should be enough people to handle the additional work for Hospitality. After some discussion, it was decided to table the discussion until the next Board meeting.

### **Yearbook**

The Club needs a budget line item for the yearbook. The Board discussed having a paper versus on-line yearbook. Barabra F. will research the cost of printing the yearbook. She will also price the yearbook binder insert and the cost of having the yearbook bound and printed.

### **Annual Meeting**

The Annual meeting will take place on June 8 at Susan Vingiano's home at approximately 4:00 pm (we'll confirm a convenient time with Susan). Volunteers will be needed for set up and clean up (there is not a hospitality committee for June). The menu will consist of appetizers, such as cheese and crackers, and sweets, along with wine and seltzer. The announcement will be in the May Grapevine.

### **Plant sale**

Patti's paperwork on the plant sale was distributed and the plan was discussed.

The meeting adjourned at 11.37.

Recording Secretaries Pat Drobinski and Beth Iosua