

Sudbury Garden Club  
Board Meeting Minutes

March 24, 2021

**Attendance**

Marilyn Hodges, Pat Drobinski, Ann Boland, Barbara Baumgardner, Jo Ann Forester, Beth Iosua, Patti Walch, Barbara Fay, Leslie Low, Janelle Landrigan, Lynn Noland, Kaffee Kang

**Secretary's Report**

A motion was made and seconded to approve the Minutes of the February 24, 2021 Board Meeting. All were in favor. A motion to post the minutes of the board meetings in the members only section of the website was made and seconded. All were in favor. After a meeting's minutes are approved, they will be sent to Kaffee to be posted on the website.

**Treasurer's Report**

Janelle shared a letter from the Historical Society received on behalf of Nancy Somers. Square is now being used on the website to accept payments. It is going well. Janelle will move money into our checking and savings accounts to cover plant sale expenses. A motion was made and seconded to accept the treasurer's report. All were in favor.

**Committee Reports**

**Art in Bloom**

The MFA's Art in Bloom is going to be a virtual tour this year. We could book a tour for up to 96 people for \$400. Tickets went on sale on March 18. Tours are April 30-May 3. Ann will get more information.

**Civic Beautification**

April 7 is a workday at Heritage Park. The civic beautification committee will plant pansies in the Town Hall planters. The committee will request help with mulching from LSRHS students on their work day in June. Mike McCarthy will fix the bowed Heritage Park sign. The Club expects to have minimal civic beautification expenses for the remainder of the year. Presently, the only foreseen expenses are new timers for the hoses.

Patti and Lynn attended the monthly meeting of the town's Park and Recreation Department. The town wants this department to become more involved with parks in town with the intended goal to expand their use by the town's citizens.

**Communications**

**Grapevine**

Items should be submitted to the Grapevine by the weekend of 3/27-3/28.

**Community Outreach**

There are no projects planned for community outreach in April.

**Governance**

There was a discussion regarding a potential bylaw change relating to the quorum required for the annual meeting. It was pointed out that we do not need 20 members on site; we can do email votes. The board decided not to pursue a quorum change. Therefore, a motion was made to rescind the previous motion to change the quorum for the annual meeting. The motion was seconded and approved.

## **Hospitality**

### **Annual Meeting**

Helen Crary offered to have the Club's end of the year gathering/annual meeting at her house in June, hopefully taking place outdoors. The board decided that Helen's home will be the venue for the annual meeting. Members of the hospitality committee will make an invitation and set up tables and chairs.

### **Library Flowers**

The library has reopened for limited hours; however, the club will not resume providing library flowers until next year. Jo Ann Forester will put together a dish of succulents with an advertisement for the plant sale and place it in the library flowers spot.

## **Membership**

The board discussed the membership implications of additional people joining the Club. So far 14 members have renewed by check. Eighteen members have paid by credit card on line. Charging for zoom general meetings was also discussed.

A member with health issues has asked to be a supporting member. The board decided to keep her as an active member and excuse her from responsibility. A motion was made, seconded, and approved to accept the member as an active member without any responsibilities. Another member has requested to be an associate member.

## **Nominating Committee**

The nominating committee has not provided a report as of this meeting.

## **Philanthropy**

The Philanthropy committee had nothing to report at this meeting.

## **Programs**

The Club is planning to have meetings in person. A discussion ensued as to how meetings will be conducted in the future. It was agreed that including both live and zoom formats would be the optimal. Leslie will set up speakers to do either. Hospitality will be discussed at the August board meeting. Jo Ann talked with the Wayside Inn regarding using their facilities for a meeting. The Club can use the tent free for the June meeting but the Wayside Inn will not provide coffee and pastries. The tent has electricity so power point slides are possible. Jo Ann will check the possibility of having an outdoor October meeting at the Wayside Inn.

Leslie and Helen will explore working with a speaker that provides a matching grant.

## **Non-Committee Activities**

### **Flower Arranging**

Jo Ann would like another member to run flower arranging.

### **History**

The Club will be 90 years old this fall (2021). The Board discussed what do to commemorate. Ideas that were brought up included an exhibit in the library, articles in the newspapers, and an exhibit in the Historical Society's building. Barbara Fay will explore this.

### **Other Business**

Meeting adjourned at 11:40

Respectfully,

Beth Iosua

Co-secretary