

SAND LAKE GARDEN CLUB

Membership meeting
JANUARY 27, 2016

President Pat Mulligan greeted new members and introduced guests.

In the absence of Treasurer Connie Gatt, Pat gave the Treasurer's Report – the bank balance as of Dec. 31st was \$2,718.75. Audit and budget will be presented at the Feb. meeting.

Old Business:

Pat acknowledged:

- Lizette Strait and her committee for planning the Holiday Party.
- Janet Oliver for her many years of handling numerous door prizes for the club.
- Ellen Dunn for her hard work on the trip committee.
- Obie for being the Secretary of the club last year.
- Helen Dolan for continual excellence managing PR releases.

New Business

2016 Plant Sale

- Chairman will be Phyllis Scheeren with Kim Tucci assisting.
- Linda Ormsby and Judy Kasianczuk will select door prizes.
- A sign-up sheet was passed around for members to sign to volunteer for preparation activities.
- After discussion, Saturday, May 14th was selected as the date, a week later than the normal Saturday before Mother's Day. The decision was based on concerns for digging and potting plants for the early date of May 7, sighting weather of the last 2 springs.

Committee Reports:

- Committees for 2016 will be the same as they were last year: Finance, Program, PR, Trips, Hospitality, Conservation & Preservation, Horticulture, Sunshine, Door Prize, Scholarship, Plant Sale and Web Site.
- Linda O. and Judy K. volunteered to provide door prizes for the meetings.
- If any Club members would like to join a particular committee, please notify Pat or Joan Gross.

Other:

- Anyone interested in the Master Gardener Class for 2016 should contact Cooperative Extension
- Information was made available on the destructive Emerald Ash Boer as it has definitely been identified in Wynantskill
- Meg Distell described the Master Gardeners trip set for Sept. 12, 13 and 14, 2016, to The Coastal Maine Botanical Garden in Boothbay, Strawberry Banke Museum in Portsmouth and a stop in Peterborough, NH. Open first to MGs, the trip is now

offered to members of the SLGC who can reserve a spot by sending in a check for the \$375 cost.

- Planning is underway for regional garden tours for SLGC members

ELECTION OF OFFICERS:

No nominations were received by phone, email or from the floor. Since the current officers and board, whose terms were up, all volunteered to remain. It was moved, seconded and passed that they continue to serve throughout 2016.

Presentation: “*À Votre Santé (A Drink to Your Health): A Brief History of Botanical Spirits*” by Dwight Grimm, a Vermouthier from Greene County

Door Prizes by Janet Oliver

Refreshments by Linda and Judy