

DUNESLAND GARDEN CLUB MEETING
February 9, 2016
Zion Benton Library

The welcome was given by 2nd Vice President Barbara Redman, followed by the reciting of the Pledge of Allegiance. Three guests were present and introduced themselves.

Joni Marlowe introduced our speaker for the afternoon. Page Hunter who is a licensed landscape architect of Townline Design, shared her expertise in her presentation of "Water in the Garden." She talked about designing, building, landscaping, and caring for ponds with the aid of her slideshow and interesting information.

Business

Roll Call: Members were reminded to sign in at the back table for attendance purposes, and were also reminded to turn in their nametags at the end of the afternoon.

February Birthdays: These members with a birthday this month were recognized: Judy Sims, Marty Butler, Joyce Ciyou, Doreen Matteson, Jan LaBelle, Gale Dulian, Darlene Robinson, and Sandy Inglis.

Minutes: There were three members who said they read the minutes so a motion was made by Shirley Mintern to approve them. Donna Saalfeld seconded the motion and the minutes were then approved by the membership.

Treasurer's Report: Cheri Florczyk, Treasurer, gave the report for the month.

Old Business

"Spring into Gardening" is coming March 12 in Paddock Lake. Our club will have a table at the event. Shirley Solberg had several application pamphlets available if anyone was interested. Registration can be done online. The cost is \$40 which includes a box lunch. Sessions begin at 9 am and continue throughout the day.

Committee Reports

Sunshine: Darlene Robinson reported that cards had been sent to the following: Ann Miller for the loss of her husband, Elizabeth Spannraft for the loss of her mother, and Betty Jean Thompson who has been moved to a nursing home.

Nominating Committee: Barbara Redman and Donna Saalfeld, members of the committee, reported that their intention was to find two members for each position and the selection is almost complete. So far the members volunteering to be co-officers are:

President—April Meyers and Gale Dulian; 1st Vice President—Wendy Driver and Donna Saalfeld; 2nd Vice President—Carol Behm and Ludwina Homer; Secretary—one member not present is seriously considering along with Joyce Lomonaco; Treasure—Cheri Florczyk and Barbara Redman.

Activities: Lori Coady reported that there will not be an organized trip to the Orchid Show at the Chicago Botanic Garden. Members were encouraged to go on their own. A reminder handout was given to the members showing all of the details needed to plan your own trip. The dates are February 13-March 13, 10 am to 4 pm. Parking fee is \$20 for nonmembers and the event entrance fees are: Adult member--\$8 / nonmember--\$10; Seniors 62+--member \$6 / nonmember \$8.

New Business

Announcements

Just a reminder that next month is the election of new officers.

Remember that May is our annual Plant Auction and Luncheon. While the weather is still cold, we can be thinking of things that are ready to be divided inside and outside.

Keep in mind our annual raffle in July at the Garden Walk, and as you spring clean, perhaps set aside some things to use as raffle gifts.

Thank you to this month's Refreshment Committee for their Valentine's Day theme decorations and snacks: Lead—Helen Darsnek; Greeter—Nancy York; Members: Char Blair, Gale Dulian, Wendy Driver, Anne Gendreau, Jenifer Mendez, and Betty Jean Thompson.

Reminders

Next Month's Refreshment Committee: Lead—Nancy Wick; Greeter—Connie Allen; Members: Linda Adamek, Susan Morgan, Sandra Nichols, Joyce Patterson, Sue Poyer, and Liz Spanraft.

Next Month's Program: Next month's speaker will be Renee Kallianis who currently owns Mama G's Grill. She will be talking to us about vegetable gardening.

Tip of the Month: Gloria Askew handed out this month's tip on "It's time to start thinking about seed starting." The handout, passed out to all present, shared how to recycle different everyday products to use to start your seeds. The handout also shared how to grow some micro greens now while waiting for the warm weather.

A motion was made by Shirley Solberg to close the meeting and a second was given by Darlene Robinson. After a hand vote, the meeting was adjourned at 2:30 pm followed by a time for refreshments and conversation.

Doreen Matteson, Secretary Pro Tem