

**ILLINOIS DUNESLAND GARDEN CLUB  
GENERAL MEETING  
May 9, 2017  
Shiloh Center, Zion, IL**

The meeting was called to order by President April Meyers at 11:40 a.m. She led the group in the Pledge of Allegiance.

**GUESTS:** There were 10 guests present. Each person was asked to introduce themselves and explain why they attended the meeting.

**BUSINESS MEETING**

**Roll Call:** April Meyers reminded everyone to sign in and pick up their name tags. There were 52 members present at the meeting.

**May Birthdays:** April invited the May birthday members to stand for acknowledgement: Pat Campanella, Pat Doles, Cheri Neal, and Connie Reynolds.

**Minutes:** The Minutes from April 11, 2017 were posted at the meeting, emailed and posted on our website. The required signatures were obtained and accepted.

**Treasurer's Report:** Cheri Florczyk presented the Treasurer's Report which was posted with a combined final balance of \$7,885.68 for both the checking and savings accounts. It was agreed information on an Insurance Certificate will be discussed at the upcoming Board Meeting and a recommendation will be made at the June Garden Club Meeting.

**Garden Club Dues:** April Meyers reminded members that dues for 2017-2018 can be paid today to Cheri Florczyk in the amount of \$15.00. Payments can also be made at the June Meeting.

**Prayer:** Anne Miller led the members in prayer before refreshments were served.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**Sunshine:** Helen Koetz reported there were no cards sent in April.

**Garden Gloves:** Helen stated that garden gloves are available for \$4 a pair.

**Activities:** Darlene Robinson reported the trip to Old Wisconsin on June 14, 2017 will require an entrance fee of \$16.00 if the \$150.00 Guide Fee is not recommended at the upcoming Board Meeting. Members will meet at Old Wisconsin and carpooling was encouraged.

**Workshops:** Beth Dermody reported there were several sign-up sheets available at the meeting including a Concrete Planter, Leopold Bench, and another Fairy Accessory Garden workshop. Beth will also be planning a Stepping Stone workshop in June.

**Scholarship:** Scholarship Chair Doreen Matteson reported the 2016-2017 scholarship recipient is Daisy Lazcon who has completed the Center for Conservation Leadership Program. Daisy may speak at our June Meeting.

**Plant Auction:** April Meyers thanked Kathy Knutell and all members who worked so diligently on the Plant Auction. The Plant Auction would be held directly after the General Meeting is adjourned.

#### **OTHER COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

**Logo Wear:** Sandi reported today is the last day to submit your order form to her for the Logo Wear and to submit payment to Cheri Florczyk.

**IDGC Website:** Sandi stated the website is up and running and encouraged everyone to log on to the website.

**Facebook Website:** Shirley Solberg reported the Illinois Dunesland Facebook website does not require a password and contains a wealth of information on herbs and other interesting subjects.

**July Garden Walk:** Lori Coady reported she is making great progress on the Garden Walks and encouraged members to sign up to assist with the tours. The Garden Walk is Saturday, July 15, 2017 and runs from 9:00 p.m. until 2:30 p.m.

**Garden Club Raffle:** Helen Koetz reminded everyone of the exciting raffle conducted at the Zion Library on July 15, 2017 just prior to the Garden Walk. Please contact Helen regarding any raffle items to be donated; she will accept the items at her home in advance of the raffle.

#### **OLD BUSINESS**

**Budget Committee Report:** Cheri Florczyk reported the proposed 2017-2018 Budget Report is almost completed and will be discussed at the May Board Meeting.

**Revision of Refreshment Committee Information Sheets:** Barbara Redman reported the Information Sheets are being reviewed at this time.

**Garden Interest Forms:** Sandi Shea reported her review of the Garden Interest Forms resulted in garden fertilizer as the topic with the most interest.

**Garden Talks:** Gale Dulian reported on the garden talk presentation and stressed the importance of proper mulch and nutrition for plants. There are micro nutrients in fertilizers that may not be suitable for all plants and great care should be taken when choosing mulch and fertilizers.

### **NEW BUSINESS:**

**Zinnia Seeds:** Cheri Neal donated Zinnia seeds to everyone and stated she wrote a 16-week guidebook entitled Seeds of Joy: Growing Zinnias & Your Zest for Life. Cheri explained the book describes how to care and nurture seedlings and how to nurture your life and is available on Amazon. April thanked Cheri for sharing the Zinnia seeds with everyone at the meeting.

### **ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

**May Refreshment Committee:** April Meyers thanked Lead Bonnie Lolmaugh, Greeter Dolly Flesher, and Members Carole Bufton, Joyce Frederick, Jo Galassini, Judy Leonard, Jean Studebaker, and JoNancy Warren.

**May Board Meeting:** April announced she will hold a Board Meeting at her house this month; details will follow.

**June Tea Refreshment Committee:** April reported the Committee consists of the Board and Committee members. A meeting will be held at April's house with the date and time to be announced via email.

**Adjournment:** A Motion was made by Linda McKinney and seconded to adjourn the meeting. Motion passed; the meeting adjourned at 12:50 p.m. The Plant Auction was held after the General Meeting adjourned.

Joyce Lomonaco  
Secretary