

**ILLINOIS DUNESLAND GARDEN CLUB**  
**General Meeting**  
**April 9th, 2019**  
**Zion-Benton Public Library, Zion, IL**

The meeting was called to order by Co-President Jan Labelle at 1:02pm. She then led the group in the Pledge of Allegiance.

**Roll Call:** There were 49 members and 9 guests present at the meeting.

**Introduction of Guests:** Jan Labelle welcomed Ed Waddle, Janice Bodily, Kathleen Murray, Jan Taibl, Pete Saenim, Lucretia Lynch, Mariama Bah and Joy Bah, and Susie Hoffmann.

**April Birthdays:** Members with March birthdays were invited to stand for acknowledgement: April Meyers, Anne Miller, Carol Behm, Kathy McElmurry, Beth Dermody, Joyce Lomonaco and Helen Darsnek.

**Guest Speaker:** Jan LaBelle introduced our guest speaker Don Wilson, a Volunteer Site Steward at the Illinois Beach State Park. His topic was "Secrets of Illinois Beach".

**Scholarship:** Doreen Matteson introduced Susie Hoffmann, Director of Education for the Center for Conservation Leadership. Susie then introduced our 2018 scholarship winner, Mariama Bah. Mariama presented her stewardship project covering the work she did collecting data about Coastal Erosion at Hosah Park. She also thanked the club for the scholarship.

**Minutes:** The March 12th, 2019 minutes compiled by Doreen Matteson and Judy Leonard were posted at the meeting, emailed and posted on our website. The required signatures were obtained and accepted.

**Treasurer's Report:** Dolores Mink presented the Treasurer's Report for March and it will be placed on file.

The ending balance of the savings and checking is \$ 7873.93

## **COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

**Sunshine:** Helen Koetz reported no cards were sent this month, and that gloves are available for purchase.

**Raffle:** Helen Koetz and Darlene Robinson are still collecting donations for the Garden Walk.

**Plant Auction:** Kathy Knutell stated you should be considering plants for the auction that will be held on May 14th. Please have them potted and labeled and any information about the plant be available. You can buy store potted plants and have them available for the auction as well. For the luncheon members A-M will bring Salads and members N-Z will bring Desserts. The plant auction is open to the public at 1:00 pm. Luncheon and brief meeting will start at 11:30 at the Shiloh Center on 27th and Emmaus.

**Garden Walk:** There is a sign up sheet in the back for members to volunteer to sit at a garden in the morning or afternoon.

**Activities:** Gail Dulian thanked those who attended the Rolling Hills activity on March 27th. On April 11th, those who signed up for the Milwaukee Art Museum-Art in Bloom will meet at Becky Bozarth's home before carpooling to Milwaukee. A sign up sheet is available for the bus trip to the Morton Arboretum in June. In July we may have a Zinnia's for Zion flower arrangement for residents at Rolling Hills Nursing home. Gale also shared that the Monarch Garden by the train station needs work. She and her husband will start by mowing and raking it.

**OLD BUSINESS:** Zinnia's For Zion- At the May meeting there will be a sign up sheet for volunteers to plant Zinnias at the two fire stations in Zion.

Winthrop Harbor Planting Project: Beth Dermody made a motion and it was seconded that the club commit to this project. We will need at least 28 volunteers to meet at a site TBD on June 1st at 9:00am. A luncheon will follow at the Schlader Building. Motion approved.

### **NEW BUSINESS:**

Motion was made by Doreen Matteson that our Garden Club materials will be stored at the Shiloh House only; and that materials at the Zion Benton Library be transferred there. Motion Carried.

**By Laws**-Motion by Judy Leonard-on behalf of the board I move to recommend that the revisions be approved as presented. After discussion motion was accepted.

**Budget Committee**- consisting of the Treasurer and Under Treasurer, 2 officers and member Barb Alexander will meet to go over budget for upcoming year.

**Horticulture Report**- There are a number of articles and seed catalogs and garden magazines available to pick up. It is time to clean up and cut back in the garden.

**Tip of the Day**- Beth Dermody-Easter Decorations and seed starters made from toilet tissue rolls.

### **ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

**May Refreshment Committee:** Lead-Diane Sheehan-Greeter-Judy Leonard; RC Members- Ingrid Tjader, Bonnie Lolmaugh, Jean Studebaker, Joyce Frederick, Sandra Nichols and Kathy McElmurry.

**Thanks to the April Refreshment Committee:** Lead- Marty Butler-Greeter-Cheri Florczyk; RC Members- Cheri Neal, Judith

Stalder, Marilyn Hall, Judy Jensen, Barbara Farrell and Carolyn Engelhart.

**Reminders:** Everyone was reminded to read the posts on the Information Board, take any articles of interest, and to be sure to return name tags before leaving the meeting.

**Adjournment:** A motion to adjourn was made by Shirley Solberg and seconded. The motion passed; the meeting adjourned at 3:15pm.

Doreen Matteson & Judy Leonard-Co-Secretaries