

ILLINOIS DUNESLAND GARDEN CLUB
General Meeting
February 11, 2020
Zion-Benton Public Library, Zion, IL

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

Roll Call: There were 44 members and 8 guests present at the meeting.

Introduction of Guests: Jan Labelle welcomed guests Laurian Heideman, Dianne Paulson, Susan Warren, Bob Grulke, Carman Juarez, Dawn Warren, Connie Moore and Cindi Williamson.

February Birthdays: Members with February birthdays were invited to stand for acknowledgement: Marty Butler, Kathleen Murray, Doreen Matteson, Paula Reiner, Jan LaBelle, Lucretia Lynch, Carol Awe, Gail Dulan and Darlene Robinson.

Guest Speaker: April Meyers introduced our guest speaker Tim Pollak, Greenhouse Production Manager at the Chicago Botanic Gardens. His topic was "Butterfly and Hummingbird Gardening".

Minutes: The January 14th, 2020 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 December and it will be placed on file. The ending balance of the savings and checking is \$ 9313.13.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Sunshine: Helen Koetz reported that sympathy cards were sent to Carol Behm and Elizabeth Spannraft who both lost their

husbands. A card was also sent to Shirley Solberg who is recovering.

Workshops: Jan shared that Beth Dermody is planning a Container Workshop in May. Participants would bring their own 10 to 12 inch pot. A sign up sheet is available.

Garden Tour: At the recent board meeting, ideas were shared on how to attract more viewers. One idea discussed was to reserve our meeting room for the day of our tour and use it for demonstrations of "Gardening by the Gallon," along with a raffle for the completed containers.

Activities: Gale Dulian suggested a trip to "Wayne's Daughters" near Caledonia. It is a large greenhouse facility with sales. There will be a sign up sheet at the March meeting. Becky Bozarth reminded us of the "Art in Bloom" exhibit in Milwaukee. She is going April 30 and would like a group to join her. She has six parking passes available for drivers. Becky also suggested a visit to Lynden Sculpture Garden in Milwaukee. Our speaker suggested a tour of the new area at Chicago Botanic Garden.

OLD BUSINESS:

Zinnias For Zion: A motion was made by April Meyers and seconded that our club once again fund the awards for the citywide competition for the budgeted amount of \$150. The motion was approved. Cheri Neal then shared some of the city's ideas for this year's project and stated that seeds would be available starting March 21.

NEW BUSINESS:

Request RE: 2020 Census Public Service Announcement:

There was a request that a short presentation be made at the end of this meeting.

Nominating Committee Election: According to our Bylaws, a committee is chosen at the February meeting. It shall consist of three members, two selected by the membership and one by the board. Sue Raiden has been chosen by the board. A motion was made by Judy Leonard to approve Cheri Neal and Becky Bozarth as members of the committee. The motion was seconded and passed by the membership.

Winthrop Harbor Planting Project: Our club has again been invited to participate in this project. Mayor Bruno has offered our club \$1,000 again this year for our efforts. A motion was made by Ruthann Davis and seconded to participate. The motion passed. A sign up sheet was circulated.

June Tea: Sign up sheets are available for those willing to help with the June Tea.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

March Speaker: "Vegetable Gardening in Small Spaces" Speaker Mark Lyons, owner of Green Thumb at Your Service.

March Refreshment Committee: Lead- Ingrid Tjader-Greeter-Lauren Yahiro, RC Members- Barb Alexander, Joyce Frederick, Naomi Friedrich, Rebecca Kinnavy, Barb Redman and Judy Stalder. They will meet at the end of this meeting.

Thanks to the February Refreshment Committee:Lead- Gail Dulian-Greeter- Judy Leonard, RC Members- Sheryl Anderson, Ethel Blanton, Carol Behm, Mary Fredrickson, Lucretia Lynch and Liz Perez.

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 Cheri Neal and seconded. The motion passed; the meeting was adjourned at 2:45 pm.

Doreen Matteson & Judy Leonard-Co-Secretaries