

**ILLINOIS DUNESLAND GARDEN CLUB MEETING**  
**January 12, 2016**  
**Zion Benton Library**

The meeting was called to order and the Pledge of Allegiance was led by President Fran Isaac. One guest introduced herself to the club members.

1<sup>st</sup> Vice President Joni Marlowe introduced our speaker for the afternoon. Sue Schlmanski presented an informative program on "Worm Castings for your Garden?" She shared the benefits of this organic fertilizer. Information was passed out to the audience and some of her product was made available for purchase.

Fran stated that she would have copies of the information sheet on uses for worm castings at the March meeting for anyone who e-mails or calls her to say they would like one.

## **Business**

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

## **Committee Reports**

**Birthdays:** These members with January birthdays were asked to stand as they were acknowledged: Ruthanne Davis, Judy Anderson, Sandi Arrequin-Barrett, Cheri Florczyk, Nancy Wick, Joni Marlowe, Linda McKinney, and Sandra Nichols.

**Minutes:** The minutes from the December meeting were previously e-mailed to the members and were approved.

**Treasurer's Report:** Treasurer Cheri Florczyk read the report for the past month. She then explained that due to the closing of the bank branch the club has used for its checking account, Cheri sought out a difference local facility to use. The club will now do its financial business through the Great Lakes Credit Union. Due to the credit union's policy, the club had to open a savings account along with the new checking account. A part of our funds will remain in the checking account at the current bank until all outstanding checks are cleared,

then the remaining balance will be deposited into the new checking account at Great Lakes Credit Union.

**Sunshine Report:** Helen Koetz reported that cards were sent to: Doreen Matteson for the loss of her mother, Anne Miller for her husband's illness, and to Linda McKinney for health reasons. A question was asked if it was possible for an e-mail to be sent to the members when a death or illness occurs within our group. It will be looked into.

**Gloves:** Gloves were available for purchase today.

**Activities:** A sign-up sheet was placed on the back table for anyone interested in attending the upcoming Orchid Show at the Chicago Botanic Gardens.

**Workshops:** Fran stepped in for this report and asked if anyone was interested in leading a workshop in March. If interested in planning something please let Fran know.

## **New Business**

**Nominating Committee:** Because she will be out of town for the February meeting, Fran requested a nominating committee be chosen this month in order to start the process for the upcoming election. According to our by-laws, the committee consists of two members elected by the membership at large, and one board member. Fran nominated Barbara Redman to the committee from the board. She then asked for volunteers from the members present and after some discussion and persuasion, Shirley Mintern, Judy Anderson, Carol Bufton, and Donna Saalfeld volunteered. All will serve on the committee.

## **Announcements**

One of our members, Ruth Hens, brought in various items for anyone interested in taking them. Helen Koetz then reminded the group that it is not too early to think about donations to the annual auction in the summer.

**Spring into Gardening:** This Kenosha County Extension event will be held in Paddock Lake on Saturday, March 12. Fran asked for volunteers to set up a table at the event again this year. Kathy Knutell and Helen Koetz both indicated they would help with the table.

Thank you to this month's refreshment committee: Lead—Joyce Lomonaco; Greeter—Dorie Jones; Members—Carolyn Bergman, Char Duncan, Shirley Joelson, Jean Molidor, Mary Otahal, and Barb Riipi.

Reminder for the February refreshment committee: Lead—Helen Darsnek; Greeter—Nancy York; Members—Char Blair, Gale Dulian, Wendy Driver, Ann Gendreau, Jennifer Mendez, and Betty Jean Thompson.

Next month's program will feature Page Hunter from Townline Design who will discuss landscaping and koi ponds.

A motion was made to adjourn the meeting at 2:27 pm by Donna Saalfeld. The motion was seconded by Kathy Knutell.

Respectfully Submitted

Doreen Matteson, Secretary Pro Tem

