

ILLINOIS DUNESLAND GARDEN CLUB
GENERAL MEETING
September 13, 2016
Bonnie Brook Golf Club, Waukegan, IL

The meeting was called to order by Co-Presidents April Meyers and Gale Dulian at 11:30 a.m. They led the group in the Pledge of Allegiance. Members were reminded to sign in and pick up their nametags and yearbooks. There were 62 members and 3 guests present at the meeting. April announced the passing of lifetime member Connie Reynolds and member Susan Poyer.

BUSINESS MEETING

Approval of Minutes: The minutes from June 14, 2016 were posted, the required signatures obtained and were accepted.

Treasurer's Report: The Treasurer's Report was posted with a combined final balance of \$9,132.05 for both the checking and savings accounts.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Committee Heads: Gale Dulian reported the new Committee heads are:

- * Email/Calling - Jennifer Mendez
- * Garden Walk - Lori Coady
- * Assistant Garden Walk - Joni Marlowe
- * Photographer - Marty Butler
- * Publicity - Fran Isaac

Monthly Programs: 1st Vice-President Donna Saalfeld presented the list of scheduled monthly meeting programs. The list is available in the yearbook.

Refreshment Committees: 2nd Co-Vice-Presidents Carol Behm and Ludwina Homer reported the refreshment committees are set and are listed in the yearbook. They reminded the members if they are unable to serve in your scheduled month and don't find a replacement, you must call the lead member and pay a \$10 stipend.

Sunshine: Helen Koetz reported that cards were sent to Anne Miller (heart valve replacement) and to Jill & Dave LaBelle for the loss of Dave's mother. A book was donated to the Zion Benton Library in memory individually of both Connie Reynolds and Susan Poyer. Notification of the donation was sent to the family.

Garden Gloves: Helen also reminded the members that she has garden gloves for sale for \$4 a pair.

Activities: Helen stated there is a trip planned trip to Volo Bog for Wednesday, October 5, 2016. A sign-up sheet was passed around and members are to meet at the Visitor Center Barn at 12:45 p.m. for the 1:00 p.m. tour.

Scholarship: Doreen Matteson announced the recipient of the Garden Club's 2015-2016 Scholarship in the amount of \$500.00 was given to Zion-Benton Township High School student Zach Szekley. He is active with the Center for Conservation Leadership.

Workshops: Beth Dermody and Sandi Shea reported a recent concrete leaf workshop was held. Those members who participated brought their leaves to display at the meeting. They have also scheduled a concrete mushroom workshop to be held on September 22nd and September 29th at Beth's house, and are planning on scheduling a stepping stone workshop in the future.

Website & Facebook: Sandi Shea reported that the garden club's website has been updated and reminded members of the password. Shirley Solberg is responsible for posting garden club pictures on Facebook.

Luncheon: At this time, a break was taken for lunch to be served. Chaplain Anne Miller led the Prayer before lunch.

OLD BUSINESS

June Tea: April announced the Board members and officers will host the refreshments for the June Tea. The Tea will also include an ice cream social.

Name Tags: April reported the name tags are all new and thanked Sandi Shea, Joyce Lomonaco and Mary Otahal for their help in completing this task.

July Garden Walk: Beth Dermody reported the July Garden Walk was a great success. She introduced Lori Coady as the new committee head for the Garden Walk and she will be assisted by Joni Marlowe.

Garden Walk Raffle: Darlene Robinson announced the Garden Walk Raffle raised \$1,212. In addition to donated items there were money donations which she was then able to purchase items thus enhancing the Raffle. She asked members to be on the look-out for raffle items for next year's walk.

Club Insurance: April reported that the club's insurance and dues to Garden Club of America and District IX have been paid.

NEW BUSINESS

Library Board/Meeting Room: Marty Butler reported that she and Sandi Shea attended the June Library Board meeting. She presented the Board with a letter requesting they waive the new rule of only allowing booking the Library meeting room three months at a time. Marty told them that the meetings and speaker are set for the entire year and published in advance. The Library Board took no action on this request.

Monarch Butterfly Station: Donna Saalfeld reported the Monarch Butterfly garden at the Zion Train Station had been accidentally mowed down. She met with officials and was able to get permission to rope off the area to prevent this from happening again. She and Gale Dulian recently visited the station to weed and were pleased to find that some of the plants are growing back. They also planted some sedum that Gale brought from her garden.

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

Yearbook: April thanked Jill and Dave LaBelle for their hard work in compiling the yearbook, and expressed sorrow for the loss of Dave's mother.

September Refreshment Committee: April thanked the members of today's Refreshment Committee: Leads Carol Behm and Ludwina Homer; Greeter Judy Jensen; Members Ginny Adams, Jan LaBelle, Cheri Neal and Doris Saenim.

October Refreshment Committee: Lead Linda McKinney asked the October Refreshment Committee members to stay and meet following this meeting. Those members are: Lead Linda McKinney; Greeter Liz Grulke; Members Gloria Askew, Ruth Hens, Jerome Hufendick, Helen Koetz, Shirley Solberg and Kathy Knutell.

Garden Tip of the Day: Beth Dermody demonstrated how to take cuttings from coleus and grow them for replanting. She announced there will be a cutting exchange on Tuesday, September 20, 2016 at 1:30 p.m. at Sandi Shea's house.

Little Green Snake: Sandi Shea told the story of the little green snake, and a good laugh was had by all.

Adjournment: A Motion was made by Shirley Solberg and seconded to adjourn the meeting. Motion passed and the meeting was adjourned at 1:36 pm.

Mary Otahal
Co-Secretary