

ILLINOIS DUNESLAND GARDEN CLUB
Christmas Holiday Luncheon Meeting
December 13, 2016
Shepherd's Crook, Zion, IL

The meeting was called to order by Co-President April Meyers at 12:00 p.m. She extended a warm Christmas welcome to all and then led the group in the Pledge of Allegiance. There were 58 members and 3 guests, Brigitte Horwath, Meghan Florczyk, and Helen Miner, present at the meeting.

April provided several handouts for everyone entitled, "Plants Facts" on poinsettias and other holiday and gift plants. She also mentioned there were garden magazines available and reminded attendees to check the posts on the easel board for newspaper articles and coming events. April also thanked Shirley Solberg for making a convenient decorative cloth bag to carry the easel board.

BUSINESS MEETING

Roll Call: April Meyers reminded everyone to sign in and pick up their nametags.

December Birthdays: April invited the December birthday members to stand for acknowledgements: Carole Bufton, Barbara Farrell, Ethel Flesher, Joyce Frederick, Mary Frederickson, Kathy Knutell, and Barbara Redman.

Minutes: The Minutes from November 8, 2016 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 \$10,075.76 for both the checking and savings accounts.

A question was raised as to how the IDGC could utilize some of the excess funds on hand. April Meyers responded that she was open to ideas regarding how to use the funds. Another question followed as to how to submit ideas regarding utilizing the excess funds. April Meyers suggested members submit a written note or an email to her with their ideas.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Sunshine: Helen Koetz reported that no cards were sent this past month.

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

Activities: April Meyers reminded members that a visit to the Chicago Botanic Gardens during the holiday season is always worthwhile.

Workshops: Beth Dermody reported there are no workshops currently planned, but a stepping stone workshop will be scheduled for late winter or early spring.

OLD BUSINESS

December Centerpiece Workshop: Gale Dulian conducted a very organized Centerpiece Workshop directly after the meeting.

NEW BUSINESS

New Member Inductions: April Meyers welcomed and inducted new member Leah LaBarbera.

Tip of the Month: Beth Dermody provided tips for creating reindeer decorations using candy canes and a few supplies. She demonstrated several ways to use brown pipe cleaners for the antlers. Beth suggested going to Walmart to purchase a small

bag of plastic eyes and small red puff balls for the nose. The eyes and puffs can be effectively glued on the candy cane with a glue gun.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

January Speaker: April Meyers stated the speaker, Susan Stiles Shafting, will teach members on the basics of how to start seeds from start of finish.

December Refreshment Committee: April thanked Lead Beth Dermody, Greeter Jill LaBelle, and Members Judy Anderson, Dorie Jones, Marilyn Hall, Shirley Mintern, Sandra Nichols, and Sandi Shea for their festive and creative decorations for each table. April also thanked Carol Behm for her valued assistance with setup for the meeting.

January Refreshment Committee: April announced the members of next month's refreshment committee: Lead Carolyn Bergman, Greeter Barbara Meyer, and Members Sylvia Adams, Pat Campanella, Fran Isaac, Shirley Joelson, Doreen Matteson, and Judy Sims.

A Motion was made by Fran Isaac and seconded to adjourn the meeting. Motion passed and the meeting was adjourned at 2:30 pm.

Joyce Lomonaco,
Co-Secretary