## ILLINOIS DUNESLAND GARDEN CLUB General Meeting January 8th, 2019 Zion-Benton Public Library, Zion, IL

The meeting was called to order by Co-President Jan LaBelle at 1:01pm. She then led the group in the Pledge of Allegiance.

**Roll Call:** There were 44 members and 1 guests present at the meeting.

**Introduction of Guests:** Jan Labelle welcomed guest Helen Miner.

**January Birthdays:** Members with December birthdays were invited to stand for acknowledgement: Ruthann Davis, Judy Anderson, Ashley Wold, Cheri Florczyk, Janet Melin, Sandra Nichols and Suzanne Raiden.

**Guest Speaker:** Donna Saalfeld introduced our guest speaker Jill Stites from the Lake County Forest Preserve. Jill has worked in Environmental education for over 25 years. She presented "The Birds and the Bees: Curious Courtships in Lake County". The scheduled speaker John Rouse was unable to attend.

**Minutes:** The December 11th, 2018 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 \$8276.97.

## **COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

Sunshine: Helen Koetz had sent a card to Naomi Friedrich.

The club donated \$50.00 to the Zion Benton Library to purchase 2 books in the memory of Ellen Buntrock and Dolly Flesher.

Activities: Gale Dulian- sign-up sheet available in back for those interested in a Movie Night. Gail hopes to show the movie "Gnomeo and Juliet." Gale is always looking for suggestions for other activities.

**Raffle:** Darlene Robinson and Helen Koetz are ready to start collecting donations for the July Garden Walk Raffle. Volunteers are needed to begin to shadow them so they can take over the next year's raffle.

## **OLD BUSINESS:** None

**NEW BUSINESS:** Jan LaBelle welcomed former member Liz Perez back to the club.

Now is the time to begin thinking about our fundraisers for 2019.

**Tip of the Month:** Beth Dermody spoke about how to make your own Suet for the birds during the winter months.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS:

**February Speaker:** "Photographic Nature" to be presented by Sheri Sparks.

**February Refreshment Committee:** Lead- Gail Dulian-Greeter- Paula Reinier, RC Members- Barb Redman, Ruth Hens, Beth Rankin, Urszula Wojcik, Becky Bozarth and Connie Mills. They will meet at the end of this meeting.

**Thanks to the January Refreshment Committee:** Lead- Fran Isaac-Greeter- Sylvia Adams, RC Members- Carolyn Bergman, Barbara Meyer, Lauren Yahiro, Carol Awe, Jerome Hufendick and

Sylvia Kerstein. And a big thanks to Suzanne Raiden for her help as Fran Isaac was unable to attend.

**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.

Donna Saalfeld suggested a Bonsai workshop for the spring. If interested email Donna. It was suggested to have a sign-up sheet as well.

**Adjournment**: A motion to adjourn was made by Barbara Redman and seconded. The motion passed; the meeting adjourned at 2:37pm.

Doreen Matteson & Judy Leonard-Co-Secretaries