

ILLINOIS DUNESLAND GARDEN CLUB
General Meeting
March 08, 2022
Zion-Benton Public Library, Zion, IL

The meeting was called to order by Co-President Beth Dermody at 1:03 pm. She then led the group in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Roll Call: There were 30 members and 1 guest present at the meeting.

Introduction of Guests: Beth Dermody welcomed Veronica(Ronnie) Marotta.

March Birthdays: Members with March birthdays were invited to stand for acknowledgement: JoNancy Warren, Ingrid Tjader, Jill LaBelle, Barbara Norman and Taylor Austin.

Guest Speaker: Beth introduced our speaker for the afternoon, April Meyers. April presented a slide presentation on "All American Selection Annuals for 2022. A handout with a listing of the Gold Medal, National, Regional, and the 2022 Proven Winners was provided. April concluded by reminding the members that she is looking for suggestions for speaker topics and volunteers to become presenters.

Minutes: The December 14, 2021 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 January and it will be placed on file. The ending balance of the savings and checking is \$9441.18 . Dolores reported that it is time to renew memberships. She will begin collecting the \$15 for dues starting today and continuing until June 1. She can accept cash or personal checks made out to

IDGC. Checks may be mailed to Dolores or handed to her at the next several meetings.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Sunshine: Kathy Knutell reported that two memorial books were donated to the Zion Public Library in the memory of Ruth Hens and Gloria Askew. A sympathy card was sent to Jill LaBelle upon the passing of her mother. It was also reported that Barbara Redman had a bad fall that resulted in injuries.

OLD BUSINESS:

May Auction: It was decided that we should move forward with the planning of the May Auction. Due to the high fee for the Shiloh Center, Jan LaBelle has been in contact with Winthrop Harbor and the use of their Community Center for the fee of \$75. There were some concerns brought up about the center, so Jan will also look into the possibility of using the Schlader Buidling, also in Winthrop Harbor. A potluck prior to the auction, as was done in the past, was discussed. There are still concerns with safety due to Covid, so other options were brought up including catered box lunch and "bring your own" sack lunches. The lunch part of the auction was tabled until next month.

June Tea: To begin the discussion of the tea, Beth said we would need a committee and a lead before moving forward. Jill LaBelle volunteered to lead the committee. She encouraged others, who were interested in helping, to join her for a few minutes after the meeting to start planning. The location for the tea will be investigated.

Garden Tour and Raffle: Due to Covid related issues, it was discussed that the time was not yet right to bring back this event. A motion was made by April Meyers to not have the garden tour and raffle this year and it was seconded. All were in favor of cancelling the tour and raffle for this year. The idea of having an

alternate summer activity was brought up. This will be discussed later.

NEW BUSINESS:

Nominating Committee: Volunteers are needed to make up this committee. The committee will be made up of at least three members, including one board member. Those that volunteered were: Jackie Kim, Jill LaBelle, Brenda Perez, and Kathy McElmurray.

Other Items and Concerns:

Gale Dulian asked if we as a club could take a moment and pray for our country. She then led the group in a prayer.

Beth's Tip of the Month: As it is seed starting time, Beth gave two suggestions. One was cutting a toilet paper roll in half and making tiny pots. The second was using a small plastic container with a coffee filter to start micro greens from seed.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Reminders: Everyone was reminded to return their name tags before leaving the meeting.

Adjournment: A motion to adjourn was made by Joyce LoMonaco and seconded. The motion passed; the meeting was adjourned at 2:35pm.

Doreen Matteson & Judy Leonard-Co-Secretaries