## ILLINOIS DUNESLAND GARDEN CLUB General Meeting April 11th, 2023 Zion-Benton Public Library, Zion, IL

The meeting was called to order by 1st Vice President Chris Tollefson-Smith at 1:02pm. She then led the group in the Pledge of Allegiance.

**Roll Call:** There were 32 members and 2 guests present at the meeting.

**Guest Speaker:** Vice-President Tollefson-Smith introduced our guest speakers Jesse Davis Meed, Lake County Horticulture Program Coordinator from the University Extension Grayslake. He discussed their joint venture with others organizations in putting together a Seed Library.

Wendy Driver from BUZ (Building up Zion) spoke about their upcoming Community Events.

Meeting was paused for refreshments, then April Meyers presented her topic- Spring Garden Cleanup Done Right.

**April Birthdays:** Members with April birthdays were invited to stand for acknowledgement: April Meyers, Carol Behm, Kathy McElmurry, Beth Dermody, Joyce Lomonaco and Barb Alexander.

**Minutes:** The March 14th, 2023 minutes compiled by Judy Leonard were posted at the meeting, emailed and posted on our website. The required signatures were obtained and accepted.

**Treasurer's Report:** Becky Kinnavy presented the Treasurer's Report for March and it will be placed on file. The ending balance of the savings and checking is \$ 9,030.15. Annual dues of \$15 are to be paid by Spring Tea in order to be in the next season's yearbook.

## **COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

**Sunshine:** Helen Koetz sent cards to Jackie Kim, Beth Dermody, Jill Labelle's husband, Paula Reinier and Liz Spannraft.

**Plant Auction:** Kathy Knutell chairperson requested that when you pot your plants for the auction make sure you label them and give a brief description. Bring your plants in between 9:30am-10:30am. Lunch to begin at 11am with auction at 1pm.

**Web Page:** Current year updates will be completed by Sandi Shea and Chris Tollefson-Smith. Would like the club to utilize this web-site more often for club news.

**Scholarship:** Doreen Matteson's committee met and spent time researching ideas for a new direction for our scholarship. They are currently putting together an application that can be used by potential students that are graduating from high school or already attending a 2 or 4 year college program, attending a technical school, or an adult who is going back to school. We will be in control of the process and will be able to post the application on line through a local school, on our facebook page and on our website.

**Activities and Community Events:** Please see monthly handout and sign-up sheets located in the front of the room or email <a href="mailto:chris@duneslandgardenclub.com">chris@duneslandgardenclub.com</a>

## **Old Business:**

Winthrop Harbor Planting will take place on Tuesday, May 23rd with a raindate of Thursday the May 25th. Luncheon will follow.

**New Business:** New members will be sworn in at our Spring Tea.

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**:

**Thank you to April Refreshment Committee** Sue Raiden, Barb Redman, Jill LaBelle and Judy Jensen.

**Next Meeting- May 9th-** PLANT AUCTION- at The Point in Winthrop Harbor.

**Reminders**: Everyone was reminded to be sure to return name tags before leaving the meeting.

**Adjournment**: A motion to adjourn was made by Judy Leonard and seconded. The motion passed; the meeting adjourned at 3:10pm.

Judy Leonard-Secretary