

ILLINOIS DUNESLAND GARDEN CLUB
GENERAL MEETING
November 14th, 2023
Zion-Benton Public Library, Zion, IL

The meeting was called to order by President Jackie Kim at 1:04pm. She then led the group in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Roll Call: There were 39 members and 1 guest present at the meeting. We welcomed Joy Cain to our meeting.

November Birthdays: Members with November birthdays were invited to stand for acknowledgement: Catherine Peterson, Judy Leonard, Linda Perreault and Judy Jensen.

ChrisTollefson-Smith introduced Paul Kakuris from the Illinois Dunesland Preservation Society, the environmental organization that co-founded Illinois State Beach Park in 1948, including the southern 900 acres that in 1964 became the first "state dedicated nature preserves" in the United States. The primary goal of the organization has been to protect the natural beauty and integrity of the park and its surrounding environment, which includes Lake Michigan.

Tip of the Day: Beth Dermody stated there is a sign up sheet for those interested in creating 3 Christmas ornaments. The cost will be \$7.00 and the time and place will be announced. She also stated it's not too late to plant spring blooming bulbs.

Minutes: The October 10th, 2023 minutes compiled by Judy Leonard were emailed and posted on our website. The required signatures were obtained and accepted.

Treasurer's Report: Becky Kinnavy presented the Treasurer's Report for November and it will be placed on file. The ending balance of the savings and checking is \$10,757.27

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Sunshine: none

Gloves: Jackie Kim stated she has the garden gloves for sale and they would make great holiday gifts.

Christmas Luncheon: Chris Tollefson-Smith distributed the invitation to members present and will mail to those who did not attend. The luncheon will be held at The Point Church in Winthrop Harbor on December 12th at noon. The cost is \$21.00. Cindy's Petite Sweets will be catering this event. Motion by Barb Alexander and seconded by Becky Bozarth to allow paying guests to attend the luncheon. Motion was passed. Please RSVP Chris so she can have an accurate count.

Membership- Sandi Shea would like any updates for addresses, phone numbers sent to her to keep membership roll accurate. New members will be inducted at our December meeting.

Garden Tour- Jackie Kim stated there are sign up sheets if you would like to have your garden on the tour this year. If you were not at the meeting please contact Jackie. The club will work on having name tags available for those working on the tour.

Plant Auction- A new chairperson was selected to replace out-gong chairperson Kathy Knutell. There will be a meeting with the past chairperson and the new chairperson to get a guidance document completed and to have one on record. Once completed volunteers will be organized and have everything ready by the End of February 2024.

OLD BUSINESS:

Logo Wear- Sandi Shea had the members present vote on the logo. She will email the membership regarding the outcome and what needs to be done if you would like a logo put on your the type of shirt of your choice.

New Business: None at this time.

Announcements:

Constitution and Bylaws of Illinois Dunesland Garden club met on November 9th. Revisions are currently being reviewed.

Nominating committee will need to be set up to present a slate of officers for the 2024-2025 years prior to the April 2024 meeting.

Chris Tollefson-Smith announced the packaging of seeds for the Seed Library will be the 3rd Wednesday of the month at the Zion-Benton Library at 1:00pm.

Thank you to the November Refreshment Committee:
Lead-Suzanne Raiden, Liz Spannraft, Sandra Wright, Mary Gustafson, Cindy Godbold and Lynn Johnson.

December 12th Luncheon and meeting refreshment committee:Lead-Paula Reinier, members-Chris Tollefson-Smith, Becky Bozarth, Cheri Neal and Jackie Kim.

Motion was made by Joyce LoMonaco and seconded by Becky Bozarth that we adjourn. Motion passed. Meeting ended at 2:50 pm

Judy Leonard--Secretary