

**ILLINOIS DUNESLAND GARDEN CLUB**  
**General Meeting**  
**January 9th, 2024**  
**Zion-Benton Public Library, Zion, IL**

The meeting was called to order by President Jackie Kim at 1:02pm. She then led the group in the Pledge of Allegiance.

**Roll Call:** There were 35 members and 0 guests present at the meeting.

**January Birthdays:** Members with January birthdays were invited to stand for acknowledgement: Ruthann Davis, Diane Waldow, Judy Anderson, Lynn Johnston, Janet Melin, and Suzanne Raiden.

**Agenda Change:** Because snowy weather conditions could cut short our time together, Jackie Kim suggested we complete the business meeting prior to the speaker presentation.

**Tip of the Day:** Beth Dermody provided information on creating a winter survival kit. She also said three workshops are planned spring: assembling a tin man, building a Leopold bench and creating a concrete leaf. Dates and material lists will be forthcoming.

**Minutes:** Judy Leonard was absent. Jan Labelle was appointed acting secretary. The December 12th, 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 December and it will be placed on file. The ending balance of the savings and checking is \$9,797.35.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

**Scholarship Update:** Doreen Matteson announced that Vianay Gurrola has met our scholarship criteria. She completed her first semester at Loyola University, is a part of the honors program and involved in several campus activities. The second installment of \$500.00 has been awarded to her.

**Web Page:** Sandi Shea requested members send her changes in addresses, emails and phone numbers to keep our listing up to date. She also asked that members complete the information and interest form if they have not yet done so.

**Winthrop Harbor Planting:** Sandi Shea and Beth Dermody have been working on plans for this year's planting with Village staff. Dates have not yet been set.

**May 2024 Plant Auction:** Jackie Kim thanked Cindy Godbold for volunteering to take over the chairmanship of this event. Kathy Knutell, our long-time chair, will be coordinating with Cindy to ensure a smooth transition. Members were asked to begin thinking about what plants they will divide from their gardens to bring to the auction.

**Garden Tour Update:** Jackie Kim noted only three gardens are currently signed up for the tour. More are needed. Members were asked to contact her with suggestions.

## **OLD BUSINESS:**

**Logo Wear:** Sandi Shea showed examples of visor caps she embroidered with the club logo. She invited members to bring their caps and washed items to her to be embroidered.

**Seed Library:** Chris Tollefson-Smith asked for volunteers to help with packaging the 10,000 seeds just donated to the library. Chris noted that she and Sherly Anderson donated their time to refinish the new seed storage cabinet acquired by the library.

**Related Volunteer Projects:** In addition to the seed library, members have been involved in other non-IDGC- lead projects

including the Zinnia Festival, Monarch Madness and community garden beds. Jackie Kim suggested we evaluate our participation and consider what events to commit to in the coming year.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

None at this time.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

\*Members who have not yet received the new yearbook are asked to contact Judy Leonard.

\* By-laws committee chairman Rebecca Kinnavy said members are finalizing revisions.

\* Thank you to the January Refreshment Committee: Lead Doreen Matteson and members Brenda Dickson, Ed Waddle, Kathy McElmurry, Sanjay Singal and Liz Grulke.

\* February Refreshment committee: Lead Jill LaBelle and members Barb Alexander, Judy Anderson, Gale Dulian, Jan LaBelle and Barb Redman.

**February 13th Program:** University of Illinois Extension, College of Agricultural, and Consumer will present "Edible Landscaping"

**Reminders:** Be sure to return your name tags before leaving the meeting.

**Adjournment:** A motion to adjourn was made by Beth Dermody and seconded by Sandi Shea. The motion passed. The meeting adjourned.

Following the business meeting, Chris Tollefson-Smith spoke on "Getting Started with Seeds". This detailed presentation covered not only the basics but also included many pro tips for seed starting success. Members had the opportunity to take home a sample seed starter for their garden or pot planting this year.

Jan LaBelle- Acting Secretary