

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

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

Roll Call: There were 36 members and 5 guests present at the meeting.

Guest Speaker: Jackie Kim introduced Carolina Lally from the University of Illinois Extension, College of Agricultural, and Consumer. The topic of Illinois Native Pollinators was presented. She discussed native bees, wasps and other pollinators that are under serious threat from a variety of stress factors causing an unceasing decline in their population. We learned about the plants that attract them and why that is important.

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

Tip of the Day- Beth Dermody provided the club with a useful garden tip.

Minutes: The March 12th, 2024 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 \$ 9801.04. Garden club dues of \$15.00 are now being accepted with a deadline of June 30th.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Nomination Committee activities- Beth Dermody is asking for an extension to identify 2nd Vice President and Secretary and Treasurer. Kathy McElmury and Ed Waddle have offered to share the role of 1st Vice President.

Scholarship: Becky Kinnavy stated the application for the scholarship is on our website and on facebook.

Winthrop Harbor Planting- Beth Dermody stated the date of the planting is May 21st with a rain date of May 23rd. There is a sign up sheet.

New members- will be inducted into the club on June 11th, at our Spring Tea.

Sunshine/Glove sales- April Meyers stated there were no updates.

Plant Auction: Jackie Kim 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. Please drive to the front of the church and we will have helpers unload your plants then you can park your car in the lot. April Meyers brought in some sample description papers and shared with the group. Lunch begins at 11am. Last names ending in A-N- bring Salads and O-Z will bring desserts. Plant auction will begin at 1pm and is open to the public.

Garden Walk and the Raffle- Donna Bybee has offered to put together the 2024 Garden Tour pamphlet (Tour Guide). A small group of IDGC members met last week to discuss potential gardens in the area. But, because the weather was snowy and rainy, another date will be set for this group to meet again and go garden hunting. If we do not get a chairperson for the garden tour, we will not be hosting this event this year. Same for the raffle. If you would like to try your hand at being a chairperson and assembling a team of people to support these activities, please see the club officers.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Thank you to April Refreshment Committee Darlene Robinson-Lead and members Dolores Mink, Diane Waldow, Jan Melin, Ruthann Davis.

May Refreshment Committee- Ingrid Tjader, Carole Bufton, Pat Campanella and Judy Jensen.

If interested there is a Part-time position at T & R's garden center to work up front caring for plants and talking to customers. You can call Toni at (847) 395-7708.

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 by Becky Kinnavy. The motion passed; the meeting adjourned at 2:50 pm.

Judy Leonard-Secretary