

**ILLINOIS DUNESLAND GARDEN CLUB
2024 KICKOFF MEETING AND LUNCHEON
September 10, 2024
The Point Church Church, Winthrop Harbor, IL**

The meeting was called to order at 12:10 pm by President Jackie Kim. She welcomed everyone then led in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Business Meeting

Jackie opened the meeting sharing a purpose for our club that she read from a book written by Bob Watson. The purpose was to set a tone and goal of Bringing Joy and Gardening Together.

Roll Call: There were 49 members present and five guests. A special welcome was given to Life Member Helen Koetz.

Birthdays: Members with September birthdays were acknowledged. They were Jackie Kim and Karen Monsen.

Tip of the Day: Beth Dermody shared two tips. One, a good way to use gardening pads and secondly, tips for mulching in the fall.

The meeting was suspended so that lunch could be served. A September 11 Memorial was read and prayer given for the meal.

Minutes: The June 11, 2024 minutes were emailed to members and posted on our website. The required signatures were obtained on a printed copy and accepted.

Treasurer's Report: Treasurer Rebecca Kinnavy gave the Treasurer's Report for August, and it will be placed on file. The ending balance of the savings and checking is \$12,061.49.

Committee Reports

Sunshine/Glove Sales: April Meyers reported that gloves were available for sale at the meeting. A reminder was given to get in touch with April when a member would be encouraged by a card.

Web Page: Nikki Rhomberg is starting on the website updates for the program year of 2024-2025.

Old Business

2025 Garden Tour Update: Jackie asked for volunteers to participate in a committee to help seek out and identify local gardens for the next garden tour. Members that volunteered are: Beth Dermody, Sandi Shea, Linda Zoetmulder, Cheri Neal, April Meyers, Joyce Lomonaco, and Tish Dabbs.

Club Audit: The audit for our Treasurer's Reports is complete. The update on the exempt status for non-profit application will be discussed at the October 8 meeting.

Garden Club Logo: Sandi Shea showed examples of our logo both on a white blouse, on a black sweatshirt, and on a cap to illustrate

how the logo will look. See Sandi if you want a logo placed on a clothing item.

Yearbooks: Yearbooks for the 2024-2025 club year were passed out before the meeting. A thank you was given to David and Jill LaBelle for all of their work in compiling all the pictures, information, and then printing the books. They have volunteered their time and efforts for the last 14 years and this book will be their last. Two small stickers were passed out to cover two incorrect email addresses that were found after the printing was complete.

New Business

Honorary Membership: A motion was made by Jill LaBelle to make Nikki Rhomberg an honorary member of our club for one year. This would cover her yearly fee. The second was made by Cheri Neal. The motion was passed.

Lifetime Membership: Discussion was held for honoring Judy Wilkes as a Lifetime Member. Discussion followed that Barb Redman also be considered for Lifetime membership. A motion was made by Jill LaBelle for both Judy Wilkes and Barb Redman to become Lifetime Members. A second was made by JoNancy Warren. The motion was passed.

We've Been Busy Handout: A review of our many and varied activities was available to look at on this handout. It included Demonstrations, Activities, Outreach, Workshops, and Trips. |

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Upcoming Trips: April Meyers shared there were signup sheets on the front table for members to sign up on if they were interested in any of the possible upcoming trips

No dates have been set. The locations are: Cantigny Park, Morton Arboretum, Boerner Botanical Gardens, Janesville Rotary Gardens, Mitchell Park Domes Conservatory, Anderson Japanese Gardens, Nicholas Conservatory and Gardens, Klehm Arboretum and Botanic Gardens, Chicago Botanic Gardens, Olbrich Botanical Gardens, Ball Horticultural Company, and For the Love of Flowers Farm.

Announcements

Threicy Gaving announced that there will be a Plant Swap, Saturday, September 21 from 12 noon until 3 pm at the Zion Benton Public Library, Meeting Room A. A handout was available with all the information.

Remember to check your emails periodically. Also look at the website for information about all of our events. If you are on Facebook, look up the garden club site.

Chris Tollefson-Smith reported that the Seed Library at the Zion Public Library will again be looking for volunteers.

Terryl Rajcevich, Historian, has been collecting and organizing archive material and is currently storing the items at her home. The items will

soon be moving to the library. If you have documents to be added, please contact Terryl.

Thank you to Kris Seegren and Rebecca Kinnavy for working with Big Ed's catering managers. Thank you to the Set Up committee who set up the tables and chairs. Thank you to this month's Refreshment Committee for setting out the decorations, the desserts, and the clean up afterwards. The members were: Lead-Brenda Dickson, Co-Lead-Sheila Litrofsky, Assists-Ann Ennesser, Taylor Austin, and Karen Monsen.

Adjournment

A motion was made by April Meyers and seconded by Rebecca Kinnavy that the meeting be adjourned. The motion passed and the meeting ended at 2:25.

Doreen Matteson, Substitute Secretary

