

**ILLINOIS DUNESLAND GARDEN CLUB**  
**GENERAL MEETING**  
**October 8, 2024**  
**Zion-Benton Public Library, Zion, IL**

The meeting was called to order by President Jackie Kim at 1:02 pm. She welcomed everyone, then led in the Pledge Of Allegiance.

**BUSINESS MEETING**

**Roll Call:** There were 37 members present and 4 guests present.

**Introduction of Guests:** President Jackie Kim asked the guests to stand and introduce themselves.

**Birthdays:** Members with October birthdays were acknowledged: Brenda Perez, Krystal Jackson, Kris Seegren, Judy Wilkes, Nikki Rhomberg, Sanjay Singhal, Judith Stadler, and Helen Koetz.

**Tip of the Day:** Beth Dermody shared the tip of the day which is to recycle and repurpose household items to use as vases to hold garden blooms. Additionally, the containers could be used to propagate cuttings of various plants from your garden.

**Minutes:** The September 10, 2024 minutes were compiled by Doreen Matteson. They were emailed to members and posted on our website. The motion to approve the minutes as corrected was made by Chris Tollefson-Smith and 2nd by Sheryl Anderson. The required signatures were obtained on a printed copy.

**Treasurer's Report:** Treasurer Rebecca Kinnavy gave the Treasurer's Report for October and it will be placed on file. The ending balance of the checking and savings is \$11,604.20.

### **Meeting Guest Speaker**

Sandra Washburn from Lake to Prairie Wild Ones spoke on Gardening with Natives, an overview of the basics of using natives as a landscape and the environmental benefits resulting.

## **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**Sunshine Report/ Glove Sales:** April Meyers has gloves available for \$4.00/pair.

**Web page:** Nikki Rhomberg has updated the website , updates to the club's officers and chairpersons have been made and linked.

If you have photos to submit to Nikki, please use this email: [nikki@duneslandgardenclub.com](mailto:nikki@duneslandgardenclub.com). Nikki is not receiving photos who volunteered to take photos at events.

## **2025 Garden Tour Update**

The individuals participating in locating gardens for the June 28, 2025 Garden tour include Beth Dermody, Sandi Shea, Jackie Kim, Linda Zoetmulder, Cheri Neal, April Meyers, Joyce Lomonaco, and Tish Dabbs.

## **Seed Library**

Wendy Driver discussed the Seed Library program and thanked 21 IDGC members who volunteered over 140 hours of time working on the Seed Library project. A Certificate Of Appreciation was presented to the club.

Times and dates for future work sessions will be posted on the ZB Library schedule, they will be held the 3rd Wednesday of the month.

## **Community Involvement Survey**

Cheri Neal discussed prior community activities by IDGC and distributed a survey regarding future Community Involvement Activities.

## **IDGC History**

Terryl Rajcevich gave updates on work being done to assemble a collection of historical documents of the history of IDGC.

She is looking for select yearbooks over the history of the Club, contact Terryl if you have any old yearbooks or articles of interest.

A filing cabinet in the main section of the Library is planned to contain these materials.

## **Recognition**

Thanks to David and Jill LaBelle for 14 Years of compiling IDGC Yearbooks. All the great work you have put in over the years is greatly appreciated.

### **Men's Mental Health**

A short discussion on men's mental health and some helpful information on being supportive/understanding was given by Ed Waddle.

### **Announcements:**

Thanks to October's Refreshment Committee: Joyce Lomonaco(lead), Pat Campanella (co-lead). Assist: Kathy Knutell, Barbara Farrell, Carole Bufton, and Donna Bybee.

### **November Meeting will be held 11/12/2024**

Meeting topic is "Rain Gardens 101" which will be presented by a speaker from Lake County Forest Preserves.

Refreshment Committee for November : Beth Dermody (lead), Lynn Johnston (co-lead), Assists: Sandy Wright, Sandi Shea,, Carol Awe, and Jan LaBelle.

### **Adjournment:**

A motion was made by Chris Toleffson-Smith and seconded by Rebecca Kinnavy that the meeting be adjourned. The motion passed and the meeting ended at 2:45pm.

Secretary, Cathy Peterson