**ILLINOIS DUNESLAND GARDEN CLUB**

**GENERAL MEETING**

**November 12, 2024**

**Zion-Benton Public Library, Zion, IL**

The meeting was called to order by President Jackie Kim at 1:05 pm. She welcomed everyone and led the group in the Pledge of Allegiance.

**BUSINESS MEETING**

**Roll Call:** There were 27 members present and 3 guests.

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

**Birthdays:** Members with November birthdays were acknowledged **:**  Linda Perrault and Cathy Peterson.

**Meeting Lecture Topic :**

Eileen Davis from Lake County Forest Preserves presented

Rain Gardens 101, an introduction to functions and benefits of rain gardens.

**Minutes:** The October 8 , 2024 minutes were compiled by Cathy Peterson and were emailed to members and posted on our website. The required signatures were obtained on a printed copy and accepted.

**Glove Sales and Sunshine:**

Gloves are available for purchase from April Meyers.

Several members have had medical procedures:

Tish Dabbs, Brenda Perez, Linda Perreault, Chris Tollefson-Smith,

Jill Labelle, and Karen Monsen .

**Treasurer’s Report**

Treasurer’s report was presented by Sanjay Singhal.

Beginning Balance Checking: $1286.

Expenses: $437.08

Ending Balance: $875.14

Ending Balance CD: $10355.87

Total as of Month end: $11236.01

**New Member Inductions:**

Any Remaining new member inductions will be done at

December 10 Holiday Luncheon.

**Seed Library Update:**

Wendy Driver presented an update on Seed Library events.

National Seed Swap Day event will be at Zion-Benton Library on Sunday January 26,2025, 1pm to 4m. University of Illinois Master gardeners will have a table there. Wendy will do a presentation on seed saving. IDGC members were invited to sign up.

Seed packing sessions will start Wed October 20 from 1 to 3pm.

**Committee Reports and Updates:**

 Search for replacements for David& Jill LaBelle yearbook , and other roles will begin in Jan./Feb 2025.

 Summary of October 8 survey passed out by Cheri Neal will be

presented at the January 2025 meeting.

 Work on role summaries and guidelines/rules for Board members and Chairpersons will continue to be drafted , expanded or edited after January 1.

 Garden Tour Update- Currently have 3 definite gardens, would like to have 5 or 6 total.

Would like to have members input on making a donation box for the Garden Walk Registration at the Zion Benton Library.

 Discussed having popup garden visits as club members specific plants area at their best.

 Terryl /Barb gave update on status of IDGC Historical Items.

Announcements:

 Thanks to this months refreshment commitee: Beth Dermody (lead), Lynn Johnston(co-Lead), Assist: Sandy Wright, Sandi Shea, Carol Awe, and Jan LaBelle.

Next Month’s meeting/ Holiday Luncheon will be at noon at the Birchwood Grill in Kenosha . Watch for formal Punchbowl invitations from Kris Seegren.

Refreshment commitee and centerpieces : Rebecca Bozarth(Lead), Chris Toleffson-Smith(co-Lead), assists:

Becky Kinnavy, Frank Nelson, Tish Dabbs,and Judy Anderson.

 **Adjournment**

Motion to adjourn the meeting was made by April Meyer. The motion passed and the meeting ended at 2:40pm.

Submitted by Secretary

Cathy Peterson