**ILLINOIS DUNESLAND GARDEN CLUB**

 **February 11, 2025 GENERAL MEETING**

 **Zion -Benton Library**

 **Zion, Illinois**

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 30 members and 4 guests present.

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

**Birthdays:** Members with February birthdays were acknowledged**:** Threicy Gavina, Doreen Matteson, Paula Reinier, Jan LaBelle, Chris Tollefson-Smith, Carol Awe, Scott Johnston, Gale Dulian, Ed Waddle and Darlene Robinson.

**Meeting Lecture Topic**

This month’s presentation was presented by Jim and Karen Belli from Belli Farm . They discussed the development of Belli farm and shared knowledge gained from many years of beekeeping.

**Minutes:** The January 14, 2024 meeting 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:**

Gloves are available for purchase from April Meyers.

**Sunshine Report:** The Sunshine Chairperson has reached out to Brenda Dickson and Kathy Knutell with well wishes. Please keep Brenda and Kathy in your thoughts.

Starting March 1,2025 Delores Mink will be taking over the

**Treasurer’s Report**

The Treasurer’s report was presented by Jackie Kim for Sanjay Singh who was unable to be present.

Beginning Balance Checking: $385.61

Transfer from CD: $1500.00

Expenses: $629.20

Ending Balance Checking: $1256.47

Ending Balance Savings: $5.00

Ending Balance CD: $8971.26

Total as of Month end: $10232.73

**New Member Inductions:**

If you are a new member and have not been inducted yet, please let Jackie Kim know.

**Committee Reports and Updates:**

Carol Awe will be taking over activities for the 2025 IDGC Yearbook and she has created a template for the 2025-2026 Yearbook with assistance from Jill & David LaBelle. Many thanks to Carol, Jill & David for all the work done to prepare this.

Frank Nelson has offered to lead the Spring Garden Club Plant Auction. April Meyers will return to be the auctioneer.

Anyone wishing to assist with the auction, please let Frank or Jackie know. Help will be needed with clean up and boxes for the plant sale will be accepted.

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

Refreshment Committee roles and VP2 roles have been drafted and completed by Kris Seegren.

Jackie Kim is working with past Committee Chairmen on roles for the Plant Auction Committee.

Winthrop Harbor Planting and requirements for Village of Winthrop Harbor : Draft Outline is being worked on by Sandi Shea and Beth Dermody.

June Tea with Chairpersons and Team members ( to be identified) will start a draft and make revisions to complete guidelines.

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Summary of Plans for the following upcoming events

May 13 ,2025 Annual Plant Auction and Buffet/Potluck at The Point Church:

Refreshment Committee Lead Vicki Mattson, Co-lead Susie Rucinski.

The plant team is responsible for collection and organization of the plants as well as ensuring there are enough people to help with the event.

June 19, 2025: The June Spring Tea -Refreshment Committee and assists to provide updates when meetings will be scheduled.

2025 Garden Tour Update- Currently have 8 gardens, 4 confirmed for the June 28, 2025 Garden Walk Event. Still looking for a few people to possibly design/make a nice donation box.

Pop-up Gardens Update: Looking for 2 coordinators to volunteer to manage the Pop-Up Garden visits. Sandi Shea has offered to communicate the Pop-up garden events information to members as they become available.

Any pictures from these events could be sent to Nikki Rhomberg to be posted on the IDGC website.

Update on IDGC Historical Files: Terryl Rajcevich gave an update on ongoing activities in organizing and compiling documents and photos. More information is needed regarding some of the photos , any more historical items anyone wants to donate are welcome.

Yearbooks that are missing include 1975-1979, 2005-2006, 2007-2008. Missing meeting minutes from 1972-1975, 1993-2010.

Any scrapbooks/ albums that members have and are not using will be accepted for use in organizing items.

IDGC Website:

2 year Renewal for website security will be due March 21,2025.

2 year Renewal for Website itself is due April or May of 2025, costs to be presented at March 11 General Meeting.

Survey Results (Fall2024) will be presented at the March 11 General Meeting.

**Announcements:**

Thanks to this month's Refreshment/Centerpiece committee:

Refreshment committee: Paula Reinier (Lead), Jenny Brown (co-Lead), assists: Brenda Perez, Sheryl Anderson, Terryl Rajcevich, and Threicy Gavina.

Next month's Refreshment Committee: Diane Waldow (lead), Darlene Robinson (co-lead). Assist: Ingrid Tjader, Dolores Mink, Liz Peterson, And Cynthia Godbold.

Next Month’s meeting is on March 11, 2025 at 1:00pm at the Zion–Benton Public Library.

 **Adjournment**

The motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Cheri Neal and 2nd by Linda Perreault. Meeting was adjourned at 3:05pm.

Submitted by Secretary

Cathy Peterson