

MINUTES OF ST. LOUIS HOSTA SOCIETY MEETING

SEPTEMBER 17, 2023

DES PERES LODGE

Phyllis welcomed everyone. Dave Poos introduced our speaker, Dean Gunderson, Director of Education at Seed St. Louis, (formerly known as Gateway Greening.) He gave an interesting talk about educating people about growing their own food. He ran extensive tests using Hostas for food, and had some very interesting results. Some were tasty, some not so much but it was surprising how many could be used as an added item in our menus.

We did not receive a treasurer's report since David Birenbaum is ill and unable to attend the meeting.

Phyllis reported that the Missouri Botanical Gardens is having a Best of Missouri Market on October 7, 8 or both, Saturday and Sunday and she wondered if anyone would be interested in having a table to promote our club. You would have to agree to be there from 10 – 4. No one expressed an interest.

Melinda Ligon, a member of the Nominating Committee, explained how they went about putting together a slate for officers to serve from 2024-2026. The slate is as follows:

President – Gene Pulliam

Vice President - Janelle Criscione

Secretary – David Birenbaum

Treasurer – Lynn Teller

Motion was made to accept the slate, seconded by Jane Hogg, and the members present voted yes.

Next, we moved to the revised By Laws and Standing Rules. Motion made by Gene Pulliam to adopt the ByLaws and Standing Rules from the committee, it was seconded by Janelle Criscione. No vote was taken at this time. It was open to discussion.

BYLAWS

Dave Poos had a list of possible changes to the ByLaws and Standing Rules.

Motion made by Dave Poos that each member have one vote with a limit of two voting members per household. It was seconded by Joan Poos. After much discussion a vote was taken, and group voted NO. Article IV Meeting, Item 3 will remain the same.

Motion made by Dave Poos, that the President appoint a member to any Board vacancy. Joan Poos seconded. After discussion vote was taken and the motion passed. Article V, Board of Directors, Item 2 will be changed. We also corrected the spelling of reminder to remainder.

Motion made by Dave Poos, that a Treasurer's Report with an attached recent bank statement be available at every business meeting. Seconded by Joan Poos. After discussion vote was taken and the motion passed. Article VI – Elected officers and Duties; d) Treasurer was changed to reflect this motion.

Motion made by Dave Poos, that the position of Auditor be added to the list of Committee Chairs and removed from ad hoc committee assignment. Seconded by Joan Poos. Discussion. Dave removed Chairs from the motion. Joan ok'd motion change. Motion voted on and approved. Added Auditor to Article VII #1.

In relation to the addition of an Auditor it was discussed and voted on that Article VIII – Audit should be added which read as follows: There shall be an annual audit of the Society's financial records. The numbering of the following Articles shall be changed accordingly.

Motion was made by Jolly Ann Whitener that the last sentence in Article VIc (duties of Secretary) be moved to the Treasurers duties. It was seconded by Jane Hogg. Discussion followed noting that in most organizations the filing of documents with the IRS and the annual registration report filed with the Secretary of State is done by the Treasurer. Vote taken and Motion passed. After additional discussion it was decided to change the wording, removing Form 990-N online to "required document with the IRS" and remove "online" after annual registration report online.

STANDING RULES

Due to changes in ByLaws, adding an annual audit of Treasurer, Section A, #6 becomes Section A, #7. Section A #6 becomes Auditor – perform an annual audit. Section A #7 Ad hoc committees, removed Audit.

Motion made by Joan Poos that the current dues structure of \$7 and \$18 be retained. Seconded by Dave Poos. After much discussion vote was taken and motion did not pass.

Motion made by Dave Poos that hosting Regional or National Convention necessitates a 2/3 vote of the members present at a regular meeting, provided a quorum exist and notice of the convention has been given at least 30 days prior to the meeting to all members, in addition to a 2/3 positive vote of the Board. (Section D) Seconded by Arlene Miller. Following discussion vote was taken and motion passed.

Motion made by Dave Poos that the Standing Rules can only be modified by a majority vote of members at a regular meeting. (Section G) Seconded by Joan Poos. Following discussion vote was taken and motion passed.

Gene Pulliam corrected his motion to read "Adopt the ByLaws and Standing Rules with all amendments and corrections. Janelle seconded. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Jolly Ann Whitener, Secretary