

MINUTES – ST. LOUIS HOSTA SOCIETY BOARD MEETING, NOV 5, 2021

The Board Meeting was held at Phyllis Weidman's home. She prepared us a light dinner and Joan Poos brought Apple and Pumpkin pies. Present were Phyllis Weidman, David Birenbaum, Janelle Criscione, Melinda Ligon, Dave & Joan Poos, Lynn Teller, , Jolly Ann Whitener, and Pam Wolkowitz. We were joined by two new members Gene Pulliam and Kathie Soehngen.

Phyllis reminded us that per our by-laws we need to have 6 meetings per year. Currently we have \$7300 in the checking account and we have a CD which expires in Jan. 2022 worth \$18,200. It was decided to renew it. Therefore we have the funds to do things and get speakers.

Dave had a proposed calendar of events for 2022.

February 20 it was suggested that we have a potluck. We have done this in the past. We could get a room at the Dielmann Recreation Complex in Creve Coeur or at someone's home. Phyllis likes the idea of doing it at a member's home. Dave mentioned that our group is smaller now, is that due to Covid?

March 20, we discussed whether to have a Master Gardener speaker (Kim Gamel) on Container Gardening. It was suggested that perhaps someone from Greenscape could do presentation on Container Gardening. They will not do in the Spring because that is a very busy time for them. Would have to do in the Fall. It was decided to go with the speaker from the Master Gardeners and have it at the Dielmann Recreation Complex East Room (the largest of their two rooms).

April 24, we would like to once again have Vendors day. Jolly Ann pointed out that the problem is location. We can no longer use the large room in Creve Coeur on Ballas. Lynn Teller suggested seeing about the gym at St. Elizabeth church on Sappington Rd. They rent it out. Jolly Ann asked Lynn to check on this, there is concern that they may not want to have the nurseries bringing in pots of plants, sometimes they are wet. Once we find out if they will rent it and cost, Jolly Ann will begin putting the event together.

May – we usually have a work day at Mo Bot but Phyllis is not sure if they will let us do it, have been limiting number of volunteers allowed in the garden.

May 15 – Garden Walk in Member garden, plus meeting and a demonstration at the member garden by Sugar **Creek**

May 21/22 – Public Plant Sale (we can no longer have at Mo Bot) After discussion of Tower Grove vs Kirkwood Farmers Market it was decided to try Tower Grove. There is a lot of foot traffic at this market. Melinda checked and the spaces are 10x10. She will check for more details, such as time it opens and closes. We may need two spaces. It is going to be harder to get plants for this sale since we have lost some of our larger contributors.

June 8-11 is the National Convention of AHS I Minneapolis, MN. Phyllis is going.

June 16-17 Possible bus trip. Dave gave us 3 options, to Hornbaker Gardens in Princeton, IL, Hostas on the Bluff or share bus with daylily club. I believe they want to go with either a one day or two day trip to Hornbakers.

July 14-16, Regional Convention – “Hostas Chicago Style, in Lisle, IL.

July 24 – Member Plant Auction. Would like to do in a member garden.

Aug 21 – Garden Walk – it was decided to have a walk this year although we have not always done this in August in the past. Gene Pulliam volunteered his garden which is in Glendale.

Sept 18 – Garden Walk/Meeting. Possibly Bruce Buehrig garden.

Oct 16 – Meeting with Speaker Possibly Rob Mortko on Tissue Culture. Hopefully he can come here, Phyllis will contact him. We will use the East Room at Dielmann Recreation Complex.

Nov 11 – Board Meeting

Dec. 11 – Holiday Party/ Members Home

The Board spent most of the time going over David’s proposed 2022 budget, item by item. David Birenbaum will be taking over as Treasurer Jan 1

Expense Items –

Speakers, budget \$500. It was decided to raise to \$600 . for speakers and room rental.

Meeting Room Rental \$800 remains the same

Advertising - \$100 – Discussion on how do we retain our membership. Dave said that soon at least 30 will be dropped. Phyllis wants to send something to them now as a reminder, try to keep as many as possible.

Newsletter - \$100 – Reduced from last year. Joan said that now only about 10 get a mailed copy.

New Member Mailing/packets – 0. New member packets are no longer sent out. They get the Newsletter. Janelle volunteered to contact new members and welcome them. Phyllis thanked her for volunteering to do this.

Liability Insurance - \$0. We no longer carry liability insurance. It is covered under members home owner policies.

Refreshments - \$100 – This is only needed for meetings held at the Dielmann Recreation Complex. For member garden walks the member just provides water, soda their preference. If the member would like to provide a snack they can or they can request the attendees to bring something.

Web Site - \$219 Lynn said this should be sufficient.

Mo Bot Donations - \$250. This covers plants, etc. We are questioning the \$2400 we gave them to install system for sprinkler that would enable him to be able to touch one button instead of having to manually go and turn on and off the sections being watered. Apparently this work has not been finished and we need to know why. Phyllis is trying to find out what is the problem.

Mo Bot Status Fee - \$150 –

Other Donations - \$0 – Decided to leave at \$0

Potluck Dinner - \$200 Will need to purchase something for the main course, members will bring the rest, set up as we have done in the past.

Public Plant Sale - \$250 – Will we have plant sale? Usually at Mo Bot in May No place to have it, did not have one in 2020 and will not have one in 2021. We decided to leave in because there will be cost wherever we have a sale

SLHS Shirts - \$40 – Will continue to sell shirts. Left the \$40 in budget

Holiday Party - \$150 –

Miscl. Operating Expenses - \$100 - Decided to leave as is.

Square Fees - \$20 – Will need since we plan to have Public Plant Sale in 2022

Bus Trip - \$3000 – Planning to have bus trip to Hornbakers this year.

Club Plant Sale - Want to do this in 2022. Need Chair Person

Revenue Items –

Dues - \$400 – Renewal of membership and new members

Member Auction – \$700 Hope to have this year in July in someone's garden

Plant Sale - \$600 - Cannot have at Mo Bot – will try at Tower Grove In May

Miscellaneous - \$0 – Decided to leave at \$0

Shirts - \$40 – Shirts still being sold so left at \$40

Bus Trip - \$1,000

Club Plant Sale - Need a Chair Person

The Web Site was discussed. Some feel the Treasurer Reports should not be on the web site. Pam Wolkowitz made motion that the web site will continue having Minutes of the meetings but not the Treasurer's reports. David Birenbaum seconded. Motion Passed.

Joan Poos asked what does the St. Louis Hosta Society want to do with all the historical stuff that we have stored in their basement. After discussion it was decided to leave it there for the time being.

It was mentioned that before Dave Poos turns over the books to David Birenbaum, there should be an audit. Volunteer is needed

Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted.

Jolly Ann Whitener, Secretary