

## MINUTES - ST. LOUIS HOSTA SOCIETY MEETING, SUNDAY, OCTOBE 16, 2022

The group met at Des Peres Lodge for the last formal meeting of the year. Phyllis thanked everyone for attending and she thanked Melinda and Kathie for hospitality.

### Old Business

Phyllis reminded everyone that the Board Meeting will be held on November 6<sup>th</sup> at 2:00PM at her home. Everyone is invited to attend and submit any ideas you have for future programs. There will be food provided at the end of the meeting. Please let her know if you will be attending.

December 11 from 1:30pm to 5pm will be our Holiday Party at Gene Pulliam home in Glendale. There will be a special newsletter before this event. Mark your calendars.

On the table by the refreshments you will find beautiful American Hosta Society tumblers with lids. They can be purchased for \$30 each.

Remember our minutes are available to read on our web site.

Pam Wolkowitz gave a report on our shirts. She indicated that we had to find a new company. She has brought a supply in various sizes that are available for immediate purchase. \$19.23 each.

David Birenbaum, Treasurer reported that we did not use the \$3000 we had budgeted for a trip to a nursery so we have the money to use now.

Phyllis is a member of the American Hosta Society as are many in this room. She encourages you to join, the publications you receive make it money well spent. First time members for \$10 will receive Hosta 'Heart of the Sunrise' a gold tc sport of 'Goodness Gracious.'

Phyllis then talked about the Presidents Wall under Awards and Honors on the AHS web site. The AHS recognizes people who have given service to their local societies. Our local society nominated 3 people to be recognized:

Jolly Ann Whitener

She is the go-to member. Ask her for help or be in charge, she always agrees with a smile. She knows how to get the job done. She is the secretary of the society and sees to it that the minutes are on the Website. She is best known for the lead of our Vendors Day. For many years she finds the space, the vendors, the volunteers, the advertising, the everything. She does it all. But it is the smile and the friendly conversation that make her stand out in the crowd.

Michael and Sharon Schmitt

This team has been there for the society. Either or both have organized hospitality, cared for the name tags, been on the nominating committee, opened their garden to members, and administered the Facebook page. They are always willing to help and give ideas.

I was certainly surprised and honored to receive this award and I am sure Sharon and Mike were honored to be recognized.

Dave Poos introduced our speaker, Rob Mortko, who explained tissue culture and talked about the Hot Hostas of Tomorrow.

Respectfully submitted,  
Jolly Ann Whitener, Secretary