

MINUTES – ST. LOUIS HOSTA SOCIETY BOARD MEETING, NOV 6, 2022

The Board Meeting was held at Phyllis Weidman's home. Following the meeting we had a light dinner. Present were Phyllis Weidman, David Birenbaum, Melinda Ligon, Dave & Joan Poos, Gene Pulliam, Kathie Soehngen, Lynn Teller, Jolly Ann Whitener, and Pam Wolkowitz.

Dave handed out a proposed calendar of events for 2023. He also handed out a list that included 2023 Hosta Topics, Venues and Speakers. Dave Birenbaum handed out 2023 Proposed Budget.

We will not have a meeting in January.

February 19 - it was suggested perhaps we could do a potluck again. We cannot do this at the Des Peres Lodge, they only allow snacks and drinks. We need to find a new location. It was suggested that possibly the Research Building that is located on Kingshighway across from Shaw might work. I believe they have facilities to rent. We should probably have a speaker after the meal, preferably someone from the club rather than scheduling someone from out of town and have to cancel in the event the weather was not good.

Dave Poos said in the past we have bounced around between 1:30pm and 2:00pm start time for meetings. Should we be consistent, perhaps stay with 2PM.

March 19 – Meeting with Speaker, at Des Peres Lodge.

April 22 (Sat) workday at Mo Bot. *(Did we settle on the 22nd or 29th? We discussed both)*

April 30 (Sun) Vendor Day at Gym at Whitecliff Park in Crestwood *(Checking the two hosta vendors re this date before reserving the gym)* 1-2 set up and 2-5 Sale Jolly Ann will chair

May 20/21 – Public Plant Sale Mo Bot. What is benefit of 2 versus 1 day. Lady at Mo Bot said if we want to do May 20 and 21 will have to be 9am-5pm, both days. Might be hard to have enough plants to last til 5pm the second day (we normally did 9-Noon the second day). Set up would be Friday night May 19. Barb Moreland has agreed to chair this event. (I believe Dave Poos said he could supply enough plants for the second day.)

No Garden Walk/Speaker in late May.

June 4 – Garden Walk (Location TBD) (No speaker) We think most members enjoy the walk, speaker not necessary.

June 7 - 10 National Convention of AHS at Ames, IA

June 18 – Garden Walk

July 13-15 Regional Convention – Rochester, MN

July 16 – Member Plant Auction. Location to be determined. Some place where we can be under cover. Kathie S. mentioned Cliff Cave Park and will contact for information. Dave B. will check Blanchette Park in St Charles. Janelle C. could be the auctioneer.

Aug 20 – Garden Walk/ Speaker TBD. It was suggested that perhaps we could visit Hostas on the Bluff.

Sept 17 – Garden Walk/ Speaker TBD Dave B. knows someone who is a Water Garden member but has lots of hostas in their garden. Martha LaFata has upgraded her garden a great deal so it would be a good garden to tour.

Oct 15 – Meeting with Speaker - Des Peres Lodge

Nov __ – Board Meeting

Dec. __ – Holiday Party/ Members Home

Melinda mentioned some ideas for use during the summer, different kinds of foods, etc. I did not get all the details down but worth revisiting.

David Birenbaum, Treasurer, reported that we got 22 new members last year. He also would like suggestions on how to handle members whose dues are over due. There are 22 at the moment and they have been notified. He read the list to the Board. We agreed to drop all 22 and if they want they can rejoin.

He also wondered if we should change the time dues are due, rather than all due the 1st of the year, have them due on the month the member joined. (It might mean more work for the Treasurer.) Should we change dues from \$7 to \$10 (*do we really need the extra money or is it just easier for the Treasurer??*) Would require change to By-Laws.

The By-Laws were last reviewed in 2007. David B. has volunteered to be on the committee to review the by-laws. Gene Pulliam and Phyllis agreed to be on the committee.

Suggestion was also made to round up the price of the shirts to \$20. It was also discussed whether the dues should cover everyone at a particular address.

BUDGET Expense Items –

Facility & Meeting Space \$500

Speakers, budget \$1000 for speakers and room rental.

Newsletter - \$50 – Reduced from last year. Most all members get Newsletter via email.

Refreshments - \$300 – This is only needed for meetings held at the Des Peres Lodge. Melinda said this should be sufficient.

Web Site - \$279 Lynn said this should be sufficient.

Mo Bot Donations - \$500. This covers plants, etc. for the Hosta Area. 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. They have never run the wiring thru the pipes. Phyllis trying to get it done. We do not want to donate more til they finish this project.

Mo Bot Status Fee - \$150 –

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 - \$150 to be at Mo Bot in 2023

Holiday Party - \$150 – Same as 2022

Miscl. Operating Expenses - \$150 -

Bus Trip - \$3000 – Did not have in 2022. Leave in in case it can be done.

Vendors Day - \$255 (for rental of Gym)

Revenue Items –

Dues - \$600 – Renewal of membership and new members

Member Auction – \$1000 Hope to have this year in July at a Park

Plant Sale - \$2000 Will have at Mo Bot in 2023

The subject of the membership list was brought up, and the request made whether it could be included on the website (password protected). Often times we want to reach a member and it would come in handy. Lynn Teller will make this possible. The password will go out to members separately from the Newsletter.

Nominating Committee is needed, election next year in September. Need 3 people for the committee.

The question was brought up whether we want to have another Club Plant Sale next year. The last time we had one was 2020. We would need someone to handle finding a nursery that would agree to supply the plants (10 or 12) (5 or 10), what they would charge the club members for each one and when we would have to get the numbers needed of each hosta to them and when we would pick them up. This is usually done in April. (*I have my list for each sale going back to 2011*).

It was also mentioned that it would be nice to bring back Hosta 101 by Phyllis. Newer members have never heard this presentation before and it is very informative.

Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted.

Jolly Ann Whitener, Secretary