

MINUTES - ST. LOUIS HOSTA SOCIETY MEETING, SUNDAY, OCT 21, 2018

Diana Plahn opened the meeting. After her comments in the Newsletter she was surprised that she did not get a lot of bad emails, only got one.

New Business

We had a discussion on meeting dates and times for future club meetings. Do the members want to move to Wednesday or Thursday evenings? Some suggested meeting later on Sunday. Families have things to do on Sunday. Diana said this will be discussed at the Board Meeting on the 18th of November.

Phyllis Weidman questioned the date, thought it was the 11th. It was changed because many of the Board members could not attend on the 11th.

Web Site. Treasurer Melissa Byrd said we have a proposal from a new member to redesign our web site, Sherry Liu. We will discuss at the Board meeting.

It was brought up that we probably have the budget to bring in speakers from out of town. Joan Poos will put together a list of speakers gathered from other Hosta Society newsletters.

Hospitality – It was suggested that perhaps we should start assigning people to bring items for the meetings. It is very hard for Karen to know how many people to prepare for at the meetings, so many times we have a lot left over. Pam Wolkowitz would like to keep it the same. We come for the speakers, not the food.

Phyllis Weidman suggested we educate. People can get so much information from the internet these days. We could just open a discussion for 15 minutes, example, who is having trouble with such and such. Hosta 101. Members could email ideas on what they want to discuss at meetings.

One member said she would like the Christmas party brought back to the Creve Coeur location. It is often difficult to find parking very close at private homes. Potluck rather than catered. Have gift exchange, garden items. (I am sure this will be discussed at Board Meeting)

Potluck Dinner – Karen Frey said the club provides the main dish but it can be frustrating when we have lots of food (the main dish) and not many show up. It was suggested that we have a potluck but rather than the Society providing the meat let everyone bring a dish and perhaps some of them would have included meat.

Melissa Byrd gave the Treasurer's Report. Expenses \$2671, Revenue \$2951. (This was corrected later, Melissa discovered she had not included the Credit Card sales. Revenue was actually \$4567).

A lot of the ideas given by members to increase attendance can be discussed at the Board meeting on the 18th.

Our meeting concluded and was followed by our Speaker Anne Kirkpatrick. She gave a very interesting presentation on Hydrangeas. It was definitely a learning experience.

Respectfully submitted,
Jolly Ann Whitener, Secretary