

## MINUTES - ST. LOUIS HOSTA SOCIETY MEETING, SUNDAY, SEPT. 16, 2018

Diana Plahn called the meeting to order at 1:15PM.

Our speaker will be Mark H. X Glenshaw, on Forest Park Owls

Due to the small size in attendance it was suggested that perhaps we need to send out a letter to the members, encouraging them to attend the meetings. Perhaps doing a survey to see when they prefer to meet, (time and place), suggestions for programs, etc.

Old Business – Diana asked for Treasurers report. Melissa Byrd did not have one ready but will send one to Joan for the next Newsletter. Diana ask about the Member Auction, was it well attended, did it bring in a good amount of money. Melissa said it did not bring in as much money as in past years. Attendance was down and people did not bid the plants prices up as much.

Diana reported the Board Meeting date has been changed from Nov. 11 to Nov. 18, 5pm at her home. Potluck. Reminded everyone she has cats, take your antihistamine if necessary.

Oct 21 meeting will be at 1pm here at the Creve Coeur Community Center . There will be a talk by Anne Kirkpatrick on Hydrangea.

Christmas Reception will be at Martha LaFata's on December 2<sup>nd</sup>, bring appetizer and BYOB.

### New Business

Web Page – A new member of the St. Louis Hosta Society is a web designer and can redo our web page but there will be a \$500 charge. Melissa checked into some web sites she has designed and they are very good. Perhaps a change in our web site might bring in more members. We can discuss at the November Board Meeting.

Since we have plenty of money in the club bank account, Chester Wolkowitz suggested perhaps we could have some kind of contest and a weekend at Tan Tara could be awarded. How about attendance prizes? Something to attract more of our members to the meetings. This can also be discussed at the Board Meeting.

It was brought up that many societies meet on Friday nights. Look for different date to meet. As suggested earlier in the meeting we need to send out survey. Diana mentioned that the Orchid Society is growing. Members bring a plant to each meeting and members vote on them. We would have to have hostas in pots to do this. They find it easy to find speakers because there are a lot of them available.

Mark gave a very interesting talk about the Owls in Forest Park. He moved to St. Louis in 1995 and quickly became interested in Owls after walking across the park from Washington

University one evening on his way home. The area he walked thru had a pair of Great Horned Owls. He has been following this pair for years. This pair had 23 owlets over the years. The female Sarah has since died and he believes Charles may have a new mate. Mark can give talks on various subjects related to owls and is willing to come to your home to see if you have owls in your area. Very interesting talk.

Respectfully submitted,  
Jolly Ann Whitener, Secretary