February 13, 2016 CVIDS Meeting at Johnson County Extension Office, Iowa City

CVIDS members met for a noon potluck February 13, 2016 at the Johnson County Extension Office in Iowa City. Forty-five attended. Presentations for the meeting focused on the foundation we provide for our plants, especially the soil surrounding the roots of the daylily. Robert Towler shared his knowledge of soil formations, soil types, and how that impacts the nutrients and the water available for plants. Barb Papenhausen followed with tips for digging a proper hole at planting time, and a generous offer to consult with members who have further questions or problems with the health of their daylilies. Taking the information from both speakers should improve the vigor and health of our gardens.

President Nancy Carlisle called the business meeting to order at 2:10 PM. Heather Harroun made a motion to accept the January 13 minutes; seconded by Gary Oster; motion carried. Secretary Sara Hankemeier was presented with the Helping Hand Award for her timely recording of the club's business.

Treasurer Sue Kramer presented a summary of the 2015 financial record. Sylvia Seymour made a motion to accept the treasurer's report; seconded by Gerald Hobbs; motion carried.

Old Business included reminders that there would be no March meeting, so members could attend the Pollen Dabbers in Marshalltown. Orders should be placed for plant stakes and the book "Daylily Doubles". Zora Ronan announced that there is an updated list of Club Plants on the website. The order from Phil Korth has been changed to allow for a more moderately priced collection.

The next meeting will be April 9 at the Muscatine Environmental Learning Center. Nan Ripley and Barb McCreight will be our speakers. Keith Riewerts reported that Nikki Schmith, President of AHS, has agreed to be our banquet speaker on November 12 at the Radison in Iowa City. Note: this is the same hotel but with a new name. Keith also brought Colorado greetings from Sherri Baldonado.

Nancy has supply boxes for upcoming gardening fairs. Kramer's will be doing Winter Gardening Fair at Coe, Hass's will do Horticulture in the Heartland in Clinton, and Nancy, Heather and Zora will do Art of Gardening at Muscatine.

The 2016 budget proposal was presented with a noted change to the total expenditure line, and a change of income wording from "reimbursement" to "donation". Jonathan Poulton made a motion to approve the budget; seconded by Brenda Knipper; motion carried. Budgeted amounts for the 2019 Regional meeting will be placed in a designated savings account.

Jonathan reported that the photo handbook will be updated and new photos will be taken. Approximately 40 new members have joined the club since the last update three years ago.

The summer tour is tentatively set for July 9. Garden sites will be Ronan's, Kramer's, and Westhoff's.

A meeting of the 2019 Regional Planning Committee will be scheduled. Zora has volunteered our club to provide 4 volunteers to help with the auction at the Region 1 meeting July 22-24. Zora also announced that she will be running for the Region President and ballots will be in "Daylily Pioneer" with election results announced at the Region 1 meeting.

February 15 will be the deadline to submit articles to the "Pioneer".

Committee members are encouraged to volunteer as chair of their committee.

Gary reported that he had talked with Mary Moore and learned that Verne is doing better. Both send their greetings. Gary also announced that he will host a garden walk July 10 in honor of his 80th birthday. Keith shared greetings from Clay and Kathleen Dawson.

Barry Stoll made a motion to adjourn the meeting; seconded by Carol Appelquist; motion carried.

Respectfully Submitted, Sara Hankemeier, Secretary