

## **CVIDS board meeting minutes December 17, 2017**

The meeting was held at Jonathan and Susie's home. Board members in attendance were: Keith Riewerts, Sally Riewerts, Heather Harroun, Nancy Rash, Joyce Parsons, Jonathan Poulton, Susie Poulton, Dave Kramer, Nancy Carlisle, Sue Kramer.

Keith R. brought the meeting to order at 1:00 p.m.

### **Treasurer's report – see spreadsheet.**

There were questions regarding the banquet expenses and speaker fees. The speaker's hotel, food, air fare and parking fees are included in the speaker fees. Banquet expenses include the Radisson Hotel venue with food, which totaled \$2,044.00.

Expenses for Photo Contest awards are included in photo contest expenses.

Club plant orders so far this year are slightly over \$3,000.00. We will budget \$6,000.00 as in the previous year.

For January meeting – Nancy Rash– give report on banquet expenses, Heather – give report on plant auction, Sue Kramer– give treasurer's report

### **Membership – how to simplify process for updating list and when dues paid.**

The group discussed who should maintain and update the membership list. Current membership committee is only Jonathan, and he has focused on membership photo gallery and welcoming new members. The Treasurer has collected dues and maintained the membership list.

The current Secretary offered to maintain the membership list, including collecting dues and documenting when dues are paid. It would be important to record on an Excel spreadsheet when dues are paid for two consecutive years because Joyce needs this for determination of eligibility for club plant. Current membership list is an Excel Google doc. Nancy Carlisle will give Susie permission to Google docs.

Currently member dues are due January 1 but MUST be paid by April 1 to qualify for Club plant. If pay after April 1, then do not qualify for club plant in that current year. Then dues are to be paid again on January 1 for the next year.

Keith R. asked that a subcommittee would develop a finalized plan for membership tracking for discussion at the February meeting. Susie, Jonathan, Joyce, Sue Kramer, and possibly Lyle Moen will be on this subcommittee.

Membership brochure – Heather H. shared the one she developed in 2012. She will update it and send to the board. We will need 100 for the March 3<sup>rd</sup> Winter Gardening. Heather will include photo contest winners.

## Programs for 2018 meetings and Calendar of Events

The group discussed and informally agreed that we should have a featured speaker at each meeting rather than group sharing. If we want some type of group sharing, such as what is each member's favorite plant, then this could be done as part of roll call at the meeting.

Keith reviewed his draft calendar of club activities and meetings. Meeting locations and final topics are needed for all meetings except January.

- January meeting – Keith will be gone but will have the agenda prepared. Joyce and Nancy Carlisle will lead the meeting. Need to ask members who might be interested in being on the club tour. We also need to have sign-up sheets for Winter Gardening Fair March 3, at Kirkwood Community College, and other events. Nancy Rash will give a report on the 2017 Banquet. Zora R. will give a presentation on AHS Award Winners.
- February meeting will be changed from February 10 to February 17 because Keith will still be gone on February 10. Nancy Rash will check to see if Muscatine Learning Center is available. Topic will be Garden Tools. Keith will find a speaker.
- March 10 – Joyce confirmed the Monarch butterfly speaker for March 10. Nancy C. will check to see if Walcott Library meeting room is large enough and available.
- April 14 – Nancy Rash will check on Marr Park. Diane Derganz will present on the club plant 2018 form.
- Club plant distribution and live auction – Keith proposed May 26 but that is Memorial Day weekend. Board discussed and determined to keep May 12 for the spring plant sale and May 19 for the club plant distribution and live auction.
- July 7 – The board discussed possibly doing a Flower Show. Should we discuss this at a meeting with members first OR have a presentation on how to do a flower show?
- July 14 – This could be the club garden tour
- Region 1 Convention – July 27-29 in Bismarck, N. Dakota
- August 25 – CVIDS Club Plant Return – Monticello.
- October 13 – Hybridizer's meeting – Coralville Public Library. Limit presentations to 12 minutes.
- November 10 – annual banquet at Radisson Coralville. Keith contacted Robert Selman, Blueridge Daylilies, N. Carolina, still waiting for confirmation.

Other ideas for meeting presentations included:

Keith Riewerts – iPhone photography

Doug Jones' presentation

Sue Kramer – spring bulbs

Heather Harroun – donation vegetable gardens

Nancy Rash and Lyle Moen – Landscape Plan

## Announcements

- Plant labels – Kincaid plant labels – we can get a discount if use CVIDS club name. Currently Nancy Carlisle has been selling these from bulk order by the club.
- Survey done at October meeting – Keith sent into AHS and they appreciated the feedback.

- Nancy Rash was featured in Our Iowa magazine with “Mom’s Waffle Recipe”.
- Kathy Dawson is having heart surgery next week. Sue Kramer – having knee scope surgery Dec. 29.

The meeting was adjourned at 3:15 p.m.