

CVIDS January 12, 2008

Meeting Called to Order with the Roll call of “What is your favorite companion plant” was answered by 37 members.

Program: Elvin Mackerman, owner of Peony Gardens, Center Point, IA, presented information about 3 types of peonies and provided an informative slide presentation of his lovely peony garden.

Minutes of the November meeting were approved as printed in the newsletter.

Bob Moore presented the **Treasury Report**. Balance on Hand is \$5,213.35. \$4,900 has been spent on club plants for 2008. Last years expenses were 10,771.13, income of 8,598.

Old Business:

1) **Eureka Catalogs** that had been preordered for a club discount were distributed.

2) **Newsletter** was distributed via email. Some members did have trouble opening, or were unable to receive the pages with the jpeg pictures. It was suggested to 1) individually send via email, 2) have ember open as a file and save, then re-open. Membership email list was sent around for corrections and to identify those who had difficulties. Commendations were expressed to Nancy Carlisle for her efforts on the newsletter.

3) **2008 Regional Meeting in SD**. Barb Papenhausen stated that there will be a bus leaving from Marshalltown that members can participate in as Region One members of AHS.

New Business:

1) **CVIDS Website**: Jonathan Poulton distributed a flier regarding the benefits of creating a website. Discussion regarding cost, usage by members, items to be included was held. M/S/C Barry Stoll/Keith Riewerts to continue to investigate the feasibility of a website with Jonathon Poulton to spearhead the process.

2) **Guidelines for proxy bids**: Discussion was held regarding the need to have a proxy designated by absent members for club plant distribution day. Members felt that a person should be able to remain in the name drawn order with a member designated as a proxy. The member would provide a list to the proxy of their preferred order choices. The member would be responsible for contacting the treasurer that a proxy was going to be submitted. M/S/C Bob Moore/Jackie Westhoff for members to have a proxy for club plant distribution, they would contact the treasurer and provide the proxy a list of preferred plant choices. If no proxy has been determined, the absent members name would go to the end of the drawing process and a plant would **NOT** be chosen prior to the auction of remaining available plants.

3) **Kirkwood Gardening Fair 2/2/2008** Volunteers requested: Bob Moore, Bob Papenhausen, Shirley Waters, Nancy Carlisle to help with booth. Flier will need to be updated. Zora Ronan, Judy Bemer and Sherri Baldanado will be presenters.

4) **Farmers Market versus VanderVeer Park Sale**: Discussion held regarding the pro/cons of holding a plant sale at the Davenport Farmers Market versus VanderVeer Park.

VanderVeer: Date earlier in month, often bad weather, change of Friends of Vanderveer sale to Friday night, cost of advertising, most plants were sold to members, with resultant percentage of sale cost increased. Only day lilies can be sold.

Farmers Market: Date can be selected based on weather, Cost 10/25. Two spots available of 10x10. Need insurance for one booth, can sell companion plants and day lilies.

M/S/C by Shirley Waters/Barb Papenhausen to investigate further the Farmers Market options with Mike Carstensen to chair the committee.

5) Club Plant Distribution May 24th. Kathy Kephart has volunteered her Wilton house as a location site. Volunteers of Keith Riewerts, Kathy Dawson for food committee, Gerald Hobbs and Barb Papenhausen also volunteered for set up and distribution assistance.

6) CVIDS Garden Tour: Discussion held where to go, it was mentioned that the North gardens would be good to visit. Potential Gardens of: Verne and Mary Moore, Roger and Brenda Knipper, Jackie Westhoff, Bob and Jan Null, and Suzanne Minger. Jan Null agreed to serve as chair along with co-chairs of each garden. She will check on dates, garden locations and will report at February meeting.

7) Monticello Sale August 24th. There are two separate parts of the day. Silent Auction and the Plant Sale. Jan Null volunteered to continue with the Silent Auction section as she has it set up on her computer. Kay Hill volunteered to check on dates, advertising, and location with the gardens.

8) Fall Banquet: Commendations to Sherry Moffet and crew of the 2007 banquet were given. The food, location and facilities were excellent. Discussion was held regarding location. Marilyn Little agreed to be responsible for reservation chair. Nancy Carlisle will check into banquet facilities in the Iowa City and Cedar Rapids area. November 8 is a home football game date. Dates will need to be obtained with the banquet facilities. Nancy is to report back with potential locations and dates.

9) Potential Day Lily Show: Discussion was held on the feasibility of CVIDS sponsoring a Day Lily Scape show. Region One has few exhibition judges. Region Two has more. Does it need to be an official show? Could it be combined with local fairs, ie: West Liberty, Mississippi Valley Fair? The MVF is too late in the season, usually first week of August to have scapes available. Sylvia Seymour agreed to do further investigation and will report back to the club.

10) M/S/C Dave Applequist/Carol Applequist to pay \$100 to Bob Moore for printing expenses for upkeep of the Club Plants notebook.

Announcements:

1) Barb Pappenhausen has seeds from her propagations for members to plant in their gardens. See her to get seeds.

2) Gerald Hobbs stated that there is 100 free brochures available from AHS about "Discovering Daylilies". Nancy Carlisle will send for them with goal to have for the Winter Gardening Fair.

3) Aprons for Sales: Sherry Moffet questioned if the club could check into having aprons with CVIDS name for members to wear at Club Plant sales. Mike Carstenson will check into them.

Adjournment at 3:35. M/S/C by Jonathan Poulton/Dave Applequist.