

January 2010 CVIDS Meeting Minutes, submitted by Nancy Carlisle, Secretary.

Hiawatha Public Library, IA

President Mike Carstensen welcomed 34 members to the January meeting held at the Hiawatha Public Library. The meeting began at 1:05 PM. Motion for approval of the minutes published in the December newsletter was M/S/C by Clay Dawson and Dave Appelquist. Bob Moore reported that 75% of the spring plants have been paid for. Balance on hand is \$8,138.28. He announced that he was taking 2010 dues payments at the meeting. Eureka Catalogs have arrived and are available at the meeting. The company has changed their procedure for ordering as they will print only as many as ordered in the first printing. We will need to take orders earlier, starting at the Society tour in July and at the Fall Sale, with delivery sometime in November. On February 13th, CVIDS will have a booth at the Kirkwood Winter Gardening event. Jackie Westhoff and Sharon Murken have volunteered and will have our membership fliers and information about the plant sale dates.

President Mike distributed volunteer sign-up sheets for six events; Plant Distribution, Fall Banquet, Spring Sale, Monticello Sale, Club Tour, and Secretary position. Members signed up faithfully. If you are interested in being on the Club Tour this year, please contact President Mike. The Executive Board made a recommendation that the Webmaster position become part of the Board of Directors. Robert Papenhausen and Roger Knipper M/S/Carried by membership.

Discussion was held about food at meetings. The majority of those present desired to go back to our previous method of everyone bringing something if they wanted to and bring your own beverage. The Executive Board member responsible for the meeting will be in charge of providing paper products.

Following a suggestion by Gary Oster, Jonathan Poulton and Zora Ronan are going to work on a manual of operations booklet that could be used to welcome and orient new members. This information will also be added to the website.

Robert Towler inquired if there was a list of previous plants that have been purchased and who bought that

plant or received it as a plant for future Silent Auctions. Other members expressed a great interest. Our website had originally offered a space that was not utilized, so it had been removed. Bob Moore and Bob Papenhausen had worked on a list that could be made available to members. Jonathan and Nancy would work on getting a database going.

Bob Moore received confirmation of our donation to AHS In honor of Frederick McDowell. Money was added to the William E. Monroe Trust Fund. The 2012 Region One Committee met and wants input on developing the "theme". CVIDS members may submit ideas for the Regional event name. The winner will receive \$5 off their registration fee.

The Executive Board made a recommendation that a memorial be sent to a society member when a family member passes: \$25 for a spouse or child, \$10 for parent. Motion was amended by Clay Dawson and seconded by Barb Papenhausen for \$25 given to the member for any bereavement memorial. Kathy Dawson volunteered to be a contact person to help inform the membership. Bob Moore distributed checks to Jan Null, Sherri Baldanado, and Kim Schoeberl.

Jonathan Poulton reviewed the needed renewal of a contract with GoDaddy.com for our website that would provide server space and retain our domain name for two additional years at a total cost of \$107. M/S/C Keith Riewerts and Jackie Westhoff. Suggestions were made to create a list of chairpersons and update at least twice a year. The membership again voiced concern that they did not want their phone numbers and e-mail addresses on the website. The secretary will continue to update and send a copy of membership at least twice a year. Benefits of joining the AHS were mentioned by Barb Papenhausen, with a potential of having a lottery of a gift membership. Member Gerald Hobbs was in the hospital but doing well. Roger Knipper won a photograph series that was created and donated by Jonathan Poulton. M/S/C Bob Papenhausen and Nancy Carlisle to adjourn.

Zora Ronan gave an entertaining PowerPoint present-ation about the National AHS meeting held in Florida May 21-25. Five days of rain made the gardens very soggy, but still some very stunning displays, and flowers were abundant. Ask Zora about the alligator. Her pictures were from Salters, Le Petit Jardin, Ledgewood Garden, Watermill Gardens, Frank Smith Daylilies, Ludlow Lambertson, Dan Hansen Ladybug Gardens, Kinnebrew Daylilies, and Reilly Gardens.

Papenhausens then showed many of the pictures of the purchased plants for 2010. Tim Bell's were not pictured as they have not yet been confirmed.