

CVIDS Business Meeting Minutes

January 14, 2017 at the Coralville Public Library

President Keith Riewerts called the meeting to order at 1:00 p.m.

The first order of business was to elect a Secretary. Keith announced that Susie Poulton has offered to run for Secretary. Barry Stoll made a motion to nominate Susie for Secretary, Gary Oster seconded the motion. All members voted in favor.

Presentation – Zora Ronan gave a presentation on the **2016 AHS Award Winners**. She shared the AHS website with the awards and winners. The Stout is the top award, given to the best daylily each year, as determined by Garden Judges. Zora explained the Pyramid of Awards and the process to become eligible for a Stout award. Zora also explained the AHS Popularity Poll, which is a poll of members to vote on proven winners in an area. When asked, several members said they refer to the popularity poll when determining which daylilies they want for their garden.

Presentation – Nancy Carlisle gave a presentation titled “**What Can the Scapes Tell You?**” Nancy referred to an article in a recent AHS magazine. The presentation included an explanation of a scape and how you can evaluate scapes for your own purpose, whether for hybridizing or aesthetics of your garden.

President Keith Riewerts brought the business meeting to order at 2:00 p.m.

He shared with members the CVIDS 2017 calendar, explaining that an additional event should be added to the handout: May 6, Muscatine Spring Plant Sale.

Secretary report – Keith presented the Secretary Report as: 2016 Banquet & Betty Miller Photo Contest were held at the Coralville Radisson Banquet Center on November 12, 2016. A short business meeting elected Keith Riewerts as President for 2017-2018 and Joyce Parsons as Vice President for 2017. Nancy Carlisle was applauded for her two-year tenure as President. Our featured speaker was AHS President Nikki Schmith, who spoke on “Technology in the Garden”. Door prizes were awarded, and a bucket raffle and live plant auctions were held with plants and door prizes donated by many members.

Nancy Carlisle made a motion to accept the Secretary’s Report, Sam McCord seconded the motion. All approved the motion.

Treasurer report - Sue Kramer gave the year-end 2016 Treasurer’s Report, with a correction to the beginning balance of 2016, which should account for setting aside \$4000 for the 2020 AHS Regional. Sue also made a correction to the year-end profit/loss, which should be \$720.03 instead of \$1,729.40. Sue explained that the expenses of club plants (\$6,747.30) will be reviewed. The actual amount is likely less than the amount stated because the club bought plants from Karol Emmerich, but the order was cancelled due to rust disease problems at Emmerich’s. Karol returned the check, which was not accounted for. Gary Oster made a motion to accept the 2017 Treasurer’s Report with the corrections stated, Barbara McCreight seconded the motion. All voted in favor of the motion. Keith congratulated Sue Kramer for her efforts.

Sue also presented the proposed 2017 budget, adding two one-time costs to the budget. These costs are for \$75 (web page software) and \$1000 (data projector to be purchased). Sue also corrected the

beginning balance to reflect \$4,000.00 set aside for the 2020 Regional. Colleen Hansen made a motion to accept the proposed budget, and Ginger Pruess seconded the motion. All approved the motion.

Keith shared a handout with a summary of banquet income and expenses in 2015 and 2016. Costs to the club were \$2,110.42 in 2016 and \$2,055.77 in 2015.

OLD BUSINESS

Plant order update – Zora distributed a survey to members asking them their preferences for purchasing club plants. She explained that she will not order from certain sellers because the plants are not reliable, especially those from the southern regions. The budget will still be \$6,000.00. There has been a request to get lower cost plants for those who do not want to spend \$100 or more on a plant. Irises will also be included in the plant distribution.

Region 1 news – Keith congratulated Zora on being elected AHS Region 1 President. CVIDS is becoming more involved in Region 1 activities, and membership has increased. Keith extended congratulations to the whole club for these efforts.

New daylily books – Sue Kramer passed out a sign-up sheet for additional UFOs and Doubles books. The UFOs book is \$21.50, and she ordered 20 copies. Sue ordered 10 copies of the Doubles book. The books should be here by the February meeting. There is more information about these books on the AHS website.

NEW BUSINESS

2017 Garden Tour – Jonathan Poulton and Mary Jo Duffy are co-chairs, with one stop at the Duffy and Poulton gardens. The scheduled date on the website calendar is July 8, 2017. Jonathan shared a map with garden tours from 2009-2016. An additional 2 or 3 gardens are needed in the Iowa City area. Larry Rettig, from South Amana, has expressed interest in being on the tour. Larry shared that his historic garden is on the National Registry and is called *Cottage in the Meadows Garden*. Barb Papenhausen requested that the tour be undertaken on July 15, thus avoiding a conflict for any members wishing to attend Northern Mecca in Ohio on July 8.

Off-Scape flower show – Keith explained that the club has never had a flower show in which our flowers were displayed or judged. Nikki Schmith spoke about the off-scape flower show in her presentation at the banquet. Keith suggests that the club have an event in several locations, where members can share scapes with each other and the public. We would not have judging at this first flower show. Keith asked if people are interested, and many raised their hands. Myrna Hass suggested that we have a meeting presentation on what a flower show entails.

Member news – Keith shared that Clay Dawson fell and was hospitalized for over a week with a brain bleed. He is now home. A card was passed around for signatures.

Sylvia Seymour and Suzanne Moffit have kindly volunteered to take over memorials/get well cards, etc.

AHS membership renewal and new members – Keith asked who are members, and the majority raised their hands. Keith encouraged all members to become a member of AHS. In addition to individual benefits, clubs with 100% membership are recognized.

Keith announced that AHS is holding a 7-day fundraiser auction on their Facebook page, beginning on the following day. There are 50 different items on the auction.

Nancy Carlisle gift – Keith presented an Isabel Bloom heart figurine to Nancy in recognition of all that she did for CVIDS during her 2-year term as president. The inspiration on the figurine is “A friend is what the heart needs all of the time”.

Announcements

Keith told the group that there are sign-up sheets for various events hosted by CVIDS and other groups. Members are asked to attend various events in the area related to gardening and host a table/booth for CVIDS. This is a way to educate the public and solicit potential members.

Memorial gift for Doug – this will be discussed at a future meeting.

Banquet November 11, 2017– Keith has secured Scott Elliott as the speaker.

Keith thanked the new board for helping with his transition to the President’s office. He asked that each member get involved in a committee.

Jonathan shared that the 3rd edition of the “Meet The Members” photo gallery was now available for each member/couple. Please make sure that your name is checked when you take your directory.

Sue Kramer shared fabric with imprints of her first introduction, ‘Red Dragon Sunrise’, a cultivar with 13 inch diameter blooms. She plans to make a quilt with the fabric. The fabric came from a company called Spoonflower.

Nancy Carlisle shared that she gave a talk at Doug Jones’ memorial service in Olin and Des Moines. The service in Des Moines was attended by more than 300 people attended. Doug’s daylily interest was included in all speeches given at the service. Several Native Americans participated, and one gave the opening prayer in his native tongue with interpretation to English. Caroline Jones and daughter, Ellen, are offering Doug’s daylily seeds to CVIDS members. Further details will be available at the next meeting.

Raffle items were donated by Nancy Carlisle, Sam McCord, and Donna Denly.

Barry Stoll made a motion to adjourn the meeting and Loren Hass seconded the motion. All voted in favor.