

**Minutes from Nov. 13, 2010, Fall Banquet**  
**Deb Hansen, Secretary**

Meeting called to order by Mike Carstensen at 1:11 p.m. This was the Annual Banquet with 57 members present. A luncheon was served.

**Treasurer's Report:** Balance is \$14,102.28 on hand at start of the day.

Mike Carstensen announced 24 new members last year. Need to get new members involved. Someone needs to welcome new members.

**Regional 2012:** Jackie Westhoff reported there will be an article in the newsletter with details. They will be asking for participation on various committees and would like everyone to help in some way. The date for the 2012 Regional is July 21 & 22 at the new Kirkwood Hotel on Kirkwood Community College campus.

**Old Business:** None.

**New Business:** Mike Carstensen stated the website is being updated. The Board will meet the first or second weekend in December. They will be scheduling monthly meetings.

**Club Plants:** Set a budget more for less versus newer plants. Barb Papenhausen needs to get order ready and budgeted. A vote carried for a budget of \$5,000. M/S/C Carole Appelquist and Clay Dawson.

**Further Club Plant Discussion:** Barb Papenhausen stated newer plants could be \$100. Gossard has some new plants at \$300. Prices drop slowly in the North and quicker in the South. Newest plants are sometimes a single fan. Two years has a better price point. Bob Moore stated statistics that over the years more newer plants have been selected. Clay Dawson stated Barb Papenhausen has been doing a good job. Need neat plants rather than newer plants. Mike Carstensen commented they will be seeing how many people are eligible for club plants. Jackie Westhoff recommended, if you would like something specific, to let Barb Papenhausen know of your interests in particular plants. Barb would like these lists immediately. Keith Riewerts motioned to keep the same criteria and ability for members to put in a request for the selection. Jan Null seconded the motion. The motion was approved.

Barb Papenhausen applied and was approved for an outdoor display at the Botanical Center in Davenport, Iowa. There will be 70 different varieties. Barb will donate her plants and Bob Towler will donate spider plants. Barb is asking for donations for the signage, Preen for weeds, mulch and cash. No labor is needed. Barb signed up for a 3-year membership to the Botanical Center. There is also a grant that will be used for this bed. Barb received notice they qualified for an AHS Display garden at their home. Clay Dawson motioned for a \$500 donation from CVIDS for the Botanical Gardens project. Gary Oster seconded the motion. The motion was approved.

Scott Hansen stated the majority of gifts at the banquet were donated by Papenhausens. Keith Riewerts stated that a request could be sent out for donations to the annual banquet. Keith motioned with humor for Papenhausens to continue to provide their donations. Motion seconded by Mary Moore. Motion approved by humorous consensus. Suzanne Moffit reported Robert Moffit grows gourds for the annual meeting as his donation. Gerald Hobbs brought some bulbs to share.

**Results of Betty Miller Photo Contest:** See page 4 of December 2011 Newsletter. Sylvia commented on the outstanding participation, with 15 people participating. The judging was very close. She may change categories if she heads the picture contest next year. Bob Papenhausen motioned Sylvia Seymour organize the

picture contest next year. Scott Hansen seconded the motion. The motion was approved by humorous consensus.

Drawings were made for various door prizes. The meeting was adjourned at 1:50 p.m.