

January 10, 2026 Cedar Valley Iris and Daylily Society (CVIDS) Meeting
At Hiawatha Public Library, 150 W. Willman Str., Hiawatha, IA 52233
Peggy Rash-Daniels, secretary via Zoom

At 12:40 members Lisa and Jeff Schmidt, of Bismark, ND, gave our January 2025 program on the International Peace Gardens and the role the North Dakota Club played in the planting of 200 daylilies to add to the beauty of the gardens (via Zoom). The garden is near the geographical center of North America, with a dedication on July 14, 1932. Manitoba donated 1451 acres and North Dakota purchased and donated 888 acres to the garden along the international boundary line. Thank you, Jeff and Lisa, for your presentation on January 10, 2026.

President Diane Derganz called the business meeting to order at 1:02 PM. Roll call was a question of whether you belong to the American Hemerocallis Society? Roll call was started by Peggy Rash-Daniels secretary, but a member suggested using the sign in sheet for roll call because the Zoom function was creating sound issues. Refer to sign in sheet for attendance by members in person or by Zoom. There were 24 members present in person, 10 members via Zoom.

Secretary report: Nancy Rash moved, Darrin Lett seconded to approve the minutes with a correction to Deb Deemer's name and correction that Kevin Callahan name be added. Motion passed unanimously.

Treasurer report: Sherry Moffit reported that balance on hand of \$19645.21 as of January 1, 2026. After expenses the balance is now \$19, 145.21. Refer to treasurer report sheet. Reminder to pay club dues by April 1 to qualify for a club plant. There are presently 78 members.

Committee reports: Nancy Rash reported that the Fall Banquet had 49 people in attendance. The banquet speaker for November 14, 2026 will be Bill and Diana Waldrop, Mariette, GA; <https://kennesawmountaindaylilygardens.com/index.html>. The banquet speaker for November 13, 2027, will be Bobby Scott, Yukon, OK; <https://younggundaylilies.com/Welcome.html>

Photo Contest: Peggy Rash-Daniels reported that the contest went well, revisions to classes made it easier to compile results quicker. The classes were revised based on Sherry Moffit's recommendations. We kept within the budget for prizes given.

Heather Harroun reported that new brochures are printed and ready to be handed out as needed.

Nancy Carlisle reported updates for 2027 Regional meeting. Dates for the Regional are July 9, 10, and 11 of 2027. She needs members to volunteer for committees.

New business: Diane D. presented the 2026 budget proposed by the board. Refer to the sheet. Members suggested moving the location to generate more buyers for the fall sale and/or partnering with a garden club to generate more sales to boost our club's treasury. Discussion by members: about location changes and advertising to improve sales. Diane discussed the need to take great care of our club plant being grown by members to boost plant numbers of returning club plants. Heather H. moved to approve the budget, Diane Harms seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

Diane D. reported that she and Nancy R met with Scott Keller (via Zoom) of Pick A Daylily Garden who is the Region One Director. He wants input of how the National organization can help the local clubs increase membership. He offered to come and speak at a meeting. He is from Nebraska. Diane suggested that he could come to our March 14 meeting and do a presentation.

Lyn Hoverstein Hafner commented about the need to increase membership.

Heather H. offered a "Dig and Divide" session(s) at her garden to generate more plants to sell at the fall sale. Contact her if interested in participating.

It was asked how many members belong to the National Daylily Society and Diane D counted 15 raised hands in the room.

Jackie Westhoff volunteered to bring Daylily Journals to the next meeting to give to anyone wanting to have one.

Discussion of name tags for new members was discussed. It would be helpful to begin to learn names of new members and help new members learn names of existing members. Nancy Carlisle offered to order name tags. She requested that an email be sent to her asking for a name tag. Cost of \$8.00.

Judy Raub moved to adjourn the meeting, Heather H seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.