

# CVIDS 3-9-24 Meeting Minutes

## Location: Johnson County Extension Office

- Presentation: Diane Derganz, “The Club Plant Program - Steps to the Evaluation Process”
- Call to Order: Business Meeting was called to order by President Heather Harroun at 12:56 p.m.
- Attendance 23 in person, 9 via Zoom
  - Members Present In-Person
    - Nancy Carlisle
    - Scott Feddern
    - Jill Gardner
    - Katie Book
    - Colleen Hansen
    - Eli Hansen
    - John Hansen
    - Heather Harroun
    - Linda Jones
    - Tom Jones
    - Lynne Kirkman
    - Lyle Moen
    - Barb Papenhausen
    - Joyce Parsons
    - Steve Parsons
    - Diann Pavelka
    - Nancy Rash
    - Cari Rusnak
    - E. Rusnak
    - A. Rusnak
    - Wanda Treimer
    - Jackie Westhoff
    - Sherry Crokeman
  - Members Present via Zoom
    - Caroline Jones
    - Ellen Jones
    - Jonathan Poulton
    - Peggy Rash-Daniels
    - Bruce Whitaker
    - Karmin Mullins
    - Bob Papenhausen
    - Keith Riewerts
    - Sally Riewerts
- Officer Reports
  - President - Heather Harroun: Next month the meeting will be at the Wilton, Iowa Community Room 104 E.4<sup>th</sup> St. Wilton, IA The next regular meeting after that will be in October at the library in Washington, Iowa.
  - Vice President - Diane Derganz: It is important that everyone who has not paid their dues has them paid by the end of the month or you will not be eligible for a club plant. There are 8 people who will not qualify for a plant if their dues are not paid by April 1st.
  - Secretary - Cari Rusnak: Minor corrections to the February minutes including the spelling of a member’s name and a correction to the attendance list. *A motion to approve the February meeting minutes as amended was made by Diann Pavelka and seconded by Wanda Treimer. Motion passed unanimously.*
  - Treasurer - Jackie Westhoff: The club checking account balance as of Thursday March 7 is \$16,836.92. All outstanding checks have been cashed for club plant purchases and there has been no further activity in February or March so far.

- Committee Reports
  - Hospitality - Nancy Rash: In order to come to the banquet as a paid member, you need your dues paid by April 1st. The fall banquet will be held on November 9th. Jill Gardner will help with door prizes.
  - Club Plant Committee - Sue Kramer: Heather Harroun said that all plants are ordered and there is nothing new to report.
  - Newsletter - Shelly Lett: Heather Harroun said the newsletter was sent out this week.
  - Program - Sara Hankemeier: Heather Harroun said that we are working on trying to get a good selection of educational programs for the club to have over the next 2 years, both beginner programs for new members and advanced programming for seasoned members.
  - Spring Plant Sale - Colleen Hansen: She is trying to get members to donate plants for the sale and is trying to make sure the plants get to the sale in the morning before the sale begins. She asked if anybody would like to put up flyers at the grocery store or library; many members said they were interested in sharing on social media and around town. Colleen said she will get a flier made and sent to members to share. She also talked about how to share the Facebook event for the spring plant sale.
  - Silent Auction - Diane Derganz: The sheets for the plant on the back table are the expected returns. If there are any issues please let Diane know ASAP.
  - Webmaster/Social Media - Jonathan Poulton: Everything is good; if you have anything to add to the website please contact him via email.
  - Banquet - Sherry & Lynn Moffit: Heather Harroun said this was covered by Nancy Rash in the hospitality report.
- Old Business
  - New Chair Position - Marketing (Promotion) Chair
    - Heather Harroun said the club created a new chair position. The chair would be in charge of making fliers and brochures for the club, arranging paid advertising for events if we choose to do that, and promoting CVIDS at places like county fairs and other opportunities to help grow the club/recruit new members. The club needs someone with computer skills and is interested in doing design work for this position. Please contact VP Diane Derganz or Pres Heather Harroun if you are interested in filling this position. No interest was expressed at the meeting.
- New Business
  - Handbook Update
    - Heather Harroun said Jonathan Poulton and the rest of the board have been working on these changes for months. Updates include a new meeting time frame: Set up at 11:00. Doors open at 11:30 for early social time. Potluck at Noon. Presentation at 12:30 followed by the business meeting. Club plant eligibility adjustments; adjustments to the wording of the handbook to help clarify club rules. These changes were sent to members before this meeting.

Nancy Carlisle said that the changes to club plant eligibility helps to clarify how to qualify for a club plant for new members and makes tracking who has qualified easier. Club members thought that we need to adjust the layout as it appeared in the document sent to members so that it is more clear that a club member needs to have paid dues, attend 2 meetings, and contribute to club activities in order to qualify for a club plant. *Colleen Hansen made a motion to “approve the handbook with the clarification that we will adjust the wording to make it so that it is more understandable, just a quick look it, read it, go, understandable on the club plant qualifications”. The motion was seconded by John Hansen. Motion passed.*

- The handbook with the updates and further club plant eligibility formatting clarification are attached at the end of these minutes.
- Garden Tour
  - Heather Harroun said that the confirmed gardens for the 2024 club garden tour are Sara Kelley, Jackie Westhoff, Rex & Judy Raub, and Dick & Jo Palmer. The club is looking at lunch options, and more news on that will come out as we make plans. The garden tours will be held on the second Saturday in July.
- Other
  - Heather Harroun asked members to please sign a card for Gary Oster. He is recovering from a broken hip. Carol Applequist has also been in and out of the hospital so please send their family a card if you are able.
  - Nancy Carlisle said Sara Kelley has a farm that raises sheep and her daughter is doing a project where she takes the wool and shreds it into little balls. Her Facebook page is Lily Acres. These balls are a high nitrogen source of fertilizer and holds water, so it is a great soil additive. The product is for sale on their Facebook page, and a bag was donated as a door prize for today’s meeting.
  - Nancy Carlisle said the American Daylily Society is holding a series of Zoom meetings for training exhibition judges and garden judges. The meetings start March 11th at 6:00 p.m. Central time zone and goes all week.
  - Jackie Westhoff did a short presentation about Amaryllis Plants. They are gorgeous plants with large bulbs. She keeps them outside in the summer, and then takes them into the house at the end of September, puts them in the basement, and lets them go dormant. You can then bring them up, start watering them, and stagger blooms throughout the winter. They don't need much room or much water, and some bulbs can have multiple stems with multiple blooms throughout the winter.
- *A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Nancy Rash and seconded by John Hansen. Motion passed unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 1:52 p.m.*