

Greater St Louis Daffodil Society Meeting

February 12, 2017

MBG Commerce Bank Education Center

President Cindy Haeffner called the meeting to order at 1:40 PM and introduced our speaker, Bruce Buehrig, who spoke on "Garden Design using Hostas." Bruce is a member of the Hosta Society and he and his wife Chick and sister-in-law Lois, have a fantastic garden at their home from which all of the pictures in his presentation come. He demonstrated many principles of garden design and showed how he has used many different hostas, as well as conifers, ferns, flowering shade plants and garden ornaments. Bruce also provided details of species used in a handout for each of us. He highlighted the high water needs of hostas, especially when transplanted. At the end of Bruce's program he presented our group with a beautiful daffodil wreath that our group can use at our sales and programs. After the presentation we broke for refreshments.

Cindy called us back to order for our Business Meeting.

Minutes of our last meeting were posted on our website. Peter McAdams moved we approve them as posted, Lynn Slackman seconded the motion and it was passed by a voice vote.

Peter McAdams presented the final Treasurers Report for 2016, noting that we received a lot of money (\$3600) last year from Blooming Bucks mostly from orders Jason made for MBG and Bellefontaine. We also received \$542 from the American Daffodil Society for the World Daffodil Convention, and while we didn't make a lot of money from the convention we certainly did show off St Louis well and give a wonderful program to all the attendees. We all expressed Kudos to Lynn for her fantastic leadership on the convention. Our expenses for 2016 were similar to those of 2015 with the exception of the Convention. For 2017 to date our account holds \$17,900. Jim Morris moved we accept the Treasurer's report subject to audit. Judy Skaggs seconded the motion and it was carried by a voice vote.

Old Business:

Nominating Committee. Bill Cole reported that the nominating committee composed of Jason Delaney, Judy Skaggs, Pam Hardy and Bill Cold, have ideas but no firm agreement for the offices of President and Vice president, but plans to do so by the 25th.

Metal Labels. We had agreed to purchase 10,000 metal labels for \$3,000.00 but that quote is for galvanized steel labels. We discussed the additional cost of \$1500.00 for stainless ones. Jim Morris moved that we approve the additional cost and purchase them. Judy Skaggs seconded and the club approved the motion by a voice vote.

New Business:

Cindy announced our "Spring Fling" event. On Sunday, April 2, we will start the day with the Shaw Nature Reserve (SNR) Daffodil Dig. We believe we will be going to an area of the SNR where we have not dug before. Anyone wanting to join the group should wear your green GSLDS tee shirt, because we will be digging within the Reserve where digging is not normally permitted. You must be at the Entrance gate at 8:00 AM sharp, so that we can drive in past the gates which will be locked. Our second event is a

tour of the Haue Valley Farm in Pacific, MO at 3 PM. Bill McLaren and his wife own the farm of his great uncle, John Haue, who supplied many daffodil bulbs to SNR in the 1920's. Our third event of the day will be a meal at Joe Boccardi's, 128 Boccardi Lane, Eureka, MO, after our tour at the Haue Valley Farm. Please join us for any or all of these events.

Daffodil Show. Our daffodil show, 'Daffodils – A Work of Art', is scheduled for Sunday April 9th, from 9AM to 5PM, in the Beaumont Room at the Missouri Botanical Garden. We will need to set up Saturday evening starting at 6PM. If the room is available earlier, Lynn will email us. It is a really tight schedule for us to get everything set up so everyone's help will be needed. Lynn will post the horticulture schedule on line. Please print a copy for yourself if you need one. Jim Morris presented the schedule for the Design categories and passed around the sign-up sheet. We need to have enough entries in each category so please sign up. You can email Jim and Jean at morrisje1@aol.com to add your name. We will need all members to bring in as many daffodils as you can to support the designs. We need someone to organize the Photographic part of the show. Beth Holbrooke volunteered.

The following By-Law proposals were presented and discussed:

Article V Election of Officer

Section 3 Change to read: The term of office shall be for 2 years, and no officer shall serve in the same position for more than two consecutive terms, with the exception of the Treasurer. Terms of office shall be alternative, the President and the Vice President shall be elected one year, and the Secretary and treasurer shall be elected the next year. The Vice President shall assume the duties of the President at the expiration of, or the vacating of, the President's term of office, subject to confirmation by voice of the membership. Elected officers shall remain in office, if willing, past the two consecutive term limit, if no member can be found to assume the office and/or until a new officer shall be elected.

Article VI Executive Board (change the last sentence)

The governing body of his organization shall be known as the Executive Board. The Executive Board shall consist of all the elected officers, the Immediate Past President and three members elected to three year staggered terms, one director to be elected each year.

Article VII Meetings

Section 2 (1) a quorum shall consist of a minimum of either 2 officers or 4 Directors of the Board.

Article XII Amendments

Add: For the safety of our membership, new society members must be approved by members of the Greater St Louis Daffodil Society Board of Directors.

Proposed By-Law changes were approved by the membership.

Respectfully submitted

Vaughn Meister

GSLDS Secretary