

Minutes, Greater St. Louis Daffodil Society

Sunday, February 2, 2014

Commerce Bank Education Center, MBG

GSLDS President Cindy Haeffner called the meeting to order at 1:30 PM with 27 in attendance. Minutes of the November 2013 meeting were distributed and reviewed. Pam Hardy moved that the minutes be accepted, Dave Niswonger seconded the motion. The minutes were accepted by a voice vote.

Treasurer Peter McAdams presented the Treasurer's Report with final numbers for 2013. Of note were funds we have received from Brent and Becky's Blooming Bucks, with the latest check from them being \$1044. Jason Delaney reminded us to identify GSLDS whenever we order anything from Brent and Becky's, to identify GSLDS as the non-profit to receive credit.

Old Business: Risers—Peter McAdams reported that we now have about 15 table sets of the 3 tier risers for the show. We discussed painting them black with a matte finish being better for taking photos and a gloss finish easier to wipe clean. If Peter wants help with painting, both Pam Hardy and Vaughn Meister volunteered. Pam Hardy moved that the society pay Peter for all materials purchased to build these risers, with an estimate of \$750. Dave Niswonger seconded the motion and after a vote the motion was passed.

MODOT Grow Together Program—Cindy Haeffner reported that the signage for our area along Highway 50 on the East side of Gerald, is ready and should be up within a month. This is our second area, the first along Hwy 19 across from the Owensville High School. Lynn said that we need to get good photos as the American Daffodil Society is interested in chapters that do community service. We can post info and photos on their webpage and maybe encourage other chapters to increase community service.

New Business: Spring Daffodil Show is Sunday April 6th, with set up the Sat evening before, April 5th, starting at 6PM. We may be able to get in at 5 PM. It will be in the enlarged Beaumont Room which gives us nice space for horticulture, design and photography as well as the Children's Corner. Lynn Slackman identified areas for each. All set up needs to be done Sat evening, because judging starts at 7 AM. Judging for horticulture will include Gary Knehans, John Beck, Debra Pratt, Beth Holbrooke and Cindy Haeffner as a student judge. We will need a guest judge also. Cindy requested the judges to let her know what gift certificate they would like. Vaughn Meister moved that that we approve \$150 for Cindy to get some more gift certificates. Pam Hardy seconded the motion and it was passed. Brenda VanBooven and Vaughn Meister will clerk for horticulture.

Jean Morris reviewed our **Design theme** for this year's show: "Childhood Memories" and ideas for each of the six categories; How did you travel?, Leisure Time, Mama's Kitchen and Penny Candy for the adults, and Old Fashioned Toys and Games and Pets for the children's categories. Jim and Jean Morris will be in Dallas at an Iris Conference that weekend so we will need to step up to the plate to make sure we have at least four entries in each category. Jean reviewed the 4 keys to a design entry: line, daffodils, other flowers, and ground cover. Jean then passed around a sign-up sheet for volunteers. Suzanne Raymond will help coordinate design in Jean's absence. All members are asked to bring in dried materials that may be of use in creating a design entry.

Beth Holbrooke discussed the **Photography** section; foam core matting is not required, several pieces of matte will be available maximum size is 11" by 14". Minimum size photo is 4" by 6". Beth is working on judges.

Daffodils for sale at the show. Cindy Haeffner reported that we will be selling the pink potted daffodils (with proceeds going to Komen Foundation) as we have done before. We also will be selling bouquets of cut daffodils like we started last year. These bunches of 12 fresh daffodils for \$5 went very well. Anyone who has lots of daffodils is asked to bring some that are just starting to open. We will also need rubber bands to secure them. The Childrens' Corner,

will have crafts, coloring and bouquet making. We need to keep this free bouquet making for kids and to charge adults if they want to do one. Anyone who has plastic containers that can be given away with the bouquets should bring them. During the show it is helpful if members take a turn hosting in the Childrens' corner.

Purchase of bulbs for our fall sales. Jason Delaney opened a discussion of whether or not we should purchase bulbs for our fall sales. The bulbs we got from our Memorial weekend trip to Oakwood Daffodils this year were really smaller, and it may not be worth the effort to go there, if we aren't getting more bulbs that are large enough to bloom the first year. Jason has done some research and asked us to consider the possibility of purchase from Ruigrok Bulbs in the Netherlands (<http://www.ruigrokflowerbulbs.com>). He asked us to look at their selection, as our reputation for sales will be bolstered by our customers good results. The niche we fill can be to sell nice bulbs that aren't available at Lowe's and Home Depot. They have over 50 varieties and when purchased in bulk, we may be able to get them at a cost of \$0.15 to \$0.75 each for massive bulbs. The members are asked to look at the Ruigrok website, as we will discuss this further. For bulbs ordered by June there is no shipping charge

Jason Delaney let us know that we have a date for the **Shaw Nature Reserve Dig**. It will be Tuesday, April 8th. We were not able to get a weekend date this year, but still will have a chance to collect some of the SNR stock. We meet at the Main Entrance at 9Am and work until 3:30 PM. Bring a lunch, as well as a shovel, any other tools you will need, bug spray and sunscreen, bags to put your daffodils in and dress for the weather. You will need to wear your Green GSLDS tee shirt, see Cindy if you need one.

Garden Tours. We are still trying to get a date from Tim Brown of Wycliffe, KY. for a field trip. Jason stated that Sunday, April 13 may be available for a garden tour of PHS in Flora, IL.

GSLDS website. Lynn Slackman reported that we have had the website for 10 years. We will renew our URL for 5 years, at \$8.99/yr, as we have before. She asked the officers if they minded having their names listed on the public site, and those present said they did not. We discussed having contact by email available on the site and currently it goes to Lynn. We discussed creation of a blog on the website that Lynn would maintain. It would create a place for good information available that can be readily updated. Pam Hardy moved that we approve creation of the blog, Jim Morris seconded the motion. It was passed by a voice vote

Donation to MBG Horticulture Department. After discussion, Beth Holbrooke moved that we donate \$500. Dave Niswonger seconded the motion and it was approved. The money is held in the Horticulture department for purchase of daffodil bulbs for the garden collection.

Additional information: Lynn Slackman showed some beautiful brochures she has created for the American Daffodil Society including a new member flyer. Peter McAdams garden in Godfrey, IL has been designated as an ADS public display garden. Jason showed us the signage. Brenda Van Booven won the \$25 door prize gift certificate and many other items were rewarded. Several items were auctioned off from Jason Delaney, with proceeds going to the society. Thank you, Jason. New members, Kevin Tillman of SE Missouri, and Anita Stephens of Fairview Heights were recognized as was Cindy La Boube whom we haven't seen in a while.

After the business meeting, we adjourned to presentations by Dave Niswonger and Bob Skaggs "Garden Daffodils, Iris and Hybridizing Insights". Their beautiful flowers and pictures were enjoyed by all.

Respectfully submitted,
Vaughn Meister, Secretary