

Greater St Louis Daffodil Society Meeting

July 15 2018

MBG Commerce Bank Education Center

President Beth Holbrooke called the meeting to order at 1:40 PM. She presented our speaker, our own Bob Skaggs, who spoke about his beloved Irises. Bob is not only a grower, hybridizer and lover of Irises, but recently attended the Tall Bearded Iris Convention in Salem, Oregon. Bob showed us several of the irises he has developed and is working to introduce, and explained the terminology used for irises. One of the current goals of iris hybridizers is to create flowers with white standards and colored falls. Before, during and after the convention in Salem, Bob was able to visit the growing fields of many iris developers in the Salem, Oregon area, and he took great photos of many, many seedlings being grown out in the area. We talked about the climate there, and siblings, multiple flowers from the same set of parent flowers. Bob showed us some recent introductions as well as many that will be introduced in the next year or so. We all became enamored of the beauty, richness and delicacy of new irises coming down the pipeline.

Secretary's Report: After Bob's presentation we took a refreshment break and then at 3:00 PM began our business meeting. President Beth Holbrooke opened the business meeting with a review of the minutes of our February meeting as posted on line. Dave Niswonger moved that the minutes be accepted as posted, with Brenda Van Booven seconding the motion. It was passed with a voice vote.

Treasurer's Report: Peter Mc Adams gave the Treasurer's report, noting our intake is less without the Brent and Becky's bucks we have had for several years because of MBG purchases. Peter also explained expenses related to our working the digs at Dr Reed's in Niles, Michigan and Shaw Nature Reserve, as well as the plaques we previously approved for SNR. Peter presented our Youth program with 8 youth enrolled. It costs the chapter \$10 for each youth enrolled and we need a completed form for each signed by both a parent and a club member that is sponsoring them. Vaughn Meister moved that we keep the program as stated, Pam Hardy seconded the motion which was passed by the membership.

Bulb Exchange: We have already approved \$750 for bulbs already on order from Esker Farm in Ireland. The committee, Gary Knehans, Cindy Haeffner and Brenda Van Booven requested additional funding of \$750 for purchase of bulbs from Oakwood, Professional Horticultural Services and Choice Bulbs of England. In discussion Lynn presented the history of what we have spend for exchange bulbs; while we have in other years approved \$1200, actual costs have been between that and \$1500 each year except one from 2007 to date. Vaughn Meister moved that we approve the additional \$750 so that our total spending for the exchange for 2018 would be \$1500. Jim Morris seconded the motion and it was passed.

Bulb Sales: We had a crew this year digging bulbs at Oakwood Daffodils. The bulbs this year are small and not as numerous as they have been some other years. Cindy Haeffner estimated we would have about 75 bags of bulbs to sell. As discussed at earlier meetings we want to purchase some bulbs for our fall sales. The proposal is to spend \$699 and be able to make approximately 550 bags for sale. Jim Morris made a motion that we go ahead with this purchase. Mary Ann Campbell seconded the motion. We discussed the price for bags. We have been charging \$5.00 for the first bag and if multiple bags are

purchased, \$4.00 per bag. This is the same pricing as we have been doing for the last several years. Judy Skaggs moved that we approve this pricing, Vaughn seconded the motion and it was carried by a voice vote.

Greentree sale this year is the weekend of Sept 14-16 at Kirkwood Park. Vaughn passed around a signup sheet for shifts for each of the 3 days.

MBG Sale this year is the weekend of Sept 29-30. Lynn Slackman and Peter McAdams organize this sale which will be in the Beaumont Room, as usual. Lynn passed around a sign-up sheet. Thanks to all the members who signed up for a shift at each of these sales.

New Business: Arla Cheves proposed that we donate some of the left-over bulbs from our sales to a planting by the Children of the American Revolution at a Veteran's Memorial at Mel Price Park in Swansea. Brenda Van Booven moved that we do so and Pam Hardy seconded the motion. It was passed by a voice vote.

Annual Audit of Financial Records: Joy Haefner has agreed to audit the books again this year. Peter McAdams brought them to the meeting to transfer to Joy.

Next events: The Bulb Cleaning will be held at an August date TBD, at either Cindy's or Peter's. Our Bag and Tag event will be Sunday, Sept 9th at our usual meeting room at MBG's Commerce Bank Education Center.

Announcements: New member, Mary Ann Campbell was in attendance, and Pam told us of another new member, Diane Carty. We are checking with Sonja Lallemand regarding the new member packet. Jean Morris invited all of us to the Iris Society sale at MBG, Saturday and Sunday, 8/4 & 5. She also had some nice flyers for us to post at our local stores.

Door prize: Brenda Van Booven's number was drawn for the \$25 gift certificate and both Jean and Jim Morris's numbers were drawn for the CD's.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:07PM.

Respectfully submitted

Vaughn Meister