

Greater St Louis Daffodil Society Meeting
Sunday, February 24, 2019
CBEC at MBG

The meeting started at 1:30 PM with our speaker, Carol Gravens, a Master Gardener who volunteers in the Orchid house at The Botanical Garden. She gave a fantastic presentation with beautiful pictorial examples of many of her points. She also brought in from her home 4 great examples. She taught us the parts of an orchid, four different growth characteristics and answered our many questions.

Our Business meeting was opened by president, Beth Holbrooke at 3:20 PM. Minutes are available on line and Brenda VanBooven moved they be accepted with a second by Judy Graman. The motion was carried by a voice vote. Peter McAdams presented the treasurer's report with a balance of \$13,680 and reported that the IRS form 990 has been submitted. Pam Hardy moved we accept the treasurer's report subject to audit and Judy Graman seconded that motion. The motion was approved.

Old Business: Joy Haeffner will be auditing the books for 2018. Thanks were given to the new officers Peter McAdams who will continue as Treasurer and Mary Susan Greenwalt who is serving as secretary. Jason is still our Registered Agent with the state of Missouri; it does have to be a Missouri resident. Thanks to Suzy Wert for the newsletter.

Lynn Slackman reported on the plans for our spring Daffodil Show. It will be held in the Orthwein Floral Hall on Thurs April 11th and Fri April 12, with set up on Wed the 10th at 1PM. All are asked to show up at 1PM for set up so that we can start staging our individual entries after the room set up is done. There is no closing time for set up, so if you can't get there until later that is fine. Judging starts at 7AM on Thurs morning. The theme is 'Royal Daffodils'. Lynn also reviewed the design categories and passed around a sign-up sheet for each.

Peter McAdams will have his ADS Display Garden tour on Saturday and Sunday March 30 & 31 at 10 AM each day.

Lynn Slackman reviewed the Botanical Gardens new Green Guidelines. They really want all those who use or visit the garden to stop using recyclables as they have. Recycling is good (green) but not using those plastics are even better. They no longer sell water bottles in plastic, and encourage use of reusable containers. Therefore do not put empty plastic bottles in their recycling. If you bring it, take it home.

New Business: We need a nominating committee for this fall's election. They need to nominate two officers; President and Vice President as well as two Directors. William Cole and Pam Hardy volunteered.

Purchase of Bulbs for our Fall Exchange; after discussion Peter McAdams moved that we spend \$750 on overseas early order of bulbs that can't be purchased here. The bulb order needs to be placed at the ADS National Convention in Minnesota. Pam Hardy seconded and it was passed on a voice vote.

We discussed the ADS request for funding to upgrade their server upgrade and expenses. Lynn explained that we have been using that server for several years now to host our website and that other chapters have responded well to the request. Pam Hardy moved that we send \$250 to the ADS for that purpose, with Dave Chevess seconding. The membership approved.

We have a bill for renewal of our website URL for the next 5 years. Pam moved that we spend the \$105.85 to do so with Peter McAdams seconding. It was passed with a voice vote.

GSLDS bulb sales for this Fall; we will again be having a Bulb Sale at the Kirkwood Greentree Festival, this year the dates are Sept 13-15 and we will need volunteers to man the booth. We will have our MBG Bulb Sale on Oct 12-13 in the Beaumont Room.

Jim Morris moved that we donate \$25 in honor of longtime ADS member Barbara Knell. Peter McAdams seconded and the group approved.

Dave Chevess shared the planting done by members Dave & Arla Chevess, and Lynn Slackman planting with the children of the Daughters of the American Revolution (DAR). Two hundred fifty daffodils, donated by our group, were planted around a Veterans War Memorial in Melvin Price Park in Swansea, Ill during October 2018.

Reminders: Beth reminded us there is a judge refresher class as the Indiana Daffodil Society Meeting on March 30. Jean Morris reminded us of a Siberian Iris talk on Sunday March 3rd. Art in Bloom is at the St Louis Art Museum next weekend.

Meeting Door prize; Jim Morris won the \$25 gift certificate and Beth adjourned the meeting at 4:30 PM.

Sincerely.

Vaughn Meister for Mary Susan Greenwalt.