

## **Minutes of the September 20, 2016 LIMG Executive Board Meeting**

Meeting called to order at 11:44am by president Jo Ann Millard.

**Present** Lorraine Leacock, Helen Liedel, Laura Lilawski, Nancy Lynch, Jo Ann Millard, Andrea Quinn, Ed Quinn, Barbara Renner

**Membership Report-** Pete said new members are attracted by our website and the offer of 1 year free membership in LIMG following completion of Master Gardener course. Dues paid at this time of year count for 2018.

Question: how often do you look at our website or facebook page? Most answered “hardly ever” and didn’t know about fb page. Perhaps this should be a question on our membership form.

**Treasurer Report** Lorraine reviewed our finances for June, July and August; will email official report with September completed

**Officers for next year:** Jo Ann Millard will complete her 2 year term as President in December. She has yet to decide if she will serve in the role of Immediate Past President. Barbara Renner informed us that she will be stepping down from the job of VP and that she is willing to help train the next person. Both Ed and Andrea Quinn are stepping down as Members at Large, although Ed will continue in Hospitality (Thanks, Ed!). Jo Ann will check with Guy and Mary Jo to see if they will continue in their respective positions of Member at Large and Secretary. Nancy Lynch will continue to serve as a Member at Large. Pete will continue as Membership Chair. It would be nice to find someone who would serve as Publicity Chair (not an elected position) to advertise in social media, recruit at Cornell MG School and other gardening events. This person would talk at our meetings about upcoming programs and events in our local gardening world

**Nominating Committee:** Lorraine Leacock (Board Member), Kathy Van Dyke, and Dalida Taylor have agreed to work on a slate for our next election. We will need a president, a vice president, at least 2 members-at-large and possibly a secretary. Our by laws require five Members at Large plus the Immediate Past President or if Jo Ann doesn’t serve as Immediate Past President, we will need a total of six Members-at Large. Pete will email members for nominations. More nominations can be taken from the floor at the October meeting to complete the slate.

**Programs:** Tamson Yay will speak in October and Kathleen Cleery will describe her trip to the Galapagos Islands in November.

**Holiday Party:** Wednesday 12/13/17, pending approval by Guy and his church

**Plant Sale-** Laura L is trying to get someone to help with the plant sale this year so they get trained to run the sale in the future. Currently she is maintaining many plants donated by Paula and Jeff Schmidt (LI Daylily and Hosta) for our 2018 sale.

**Gold Trowel Award:** Awarded biannually, the next award will be made at the January 2018 meeting. Nancy will have applications for nominations available at the October meeting; Pete will email our members after the October meeting and will post the nomination forms on our website. Nominations must be received on or before our November meeting.

**Samaritan's Purse-** LIMG members enthusiastically participated last year. The cost of shipping each box is increasing from \$7.00 to \$9.00 for 2017. Lorraine says we have enough money in the Miscellaneous budget line to cover the increased cost of shipping.

Suggestion to Executive Board....re-read our by-laws, check out our website and facebook page.

Meeting adjourned at 12:30pm  
Respectfully submitted,  
Nancy Lynch