

# May 16, 2018 Long Island Master Gardener Executive Board Minutes

Meeting called to order at 11:15am.

**Attendees:** Kathy VanDyke, Bob VanDyke, Pete Herron, Nora Rooney, Lorraine Leacock, Barbara Renner, Lucille Hoell, and Mary-Jo Re

1. **Minutes** of April 18, 2018 read, approved.

2. **May 16 Plant Sale:** Lucille organized the display and prices working with her team. Proceeds: \$296.50. Leftover plants were donated to the Holtsville Ecology Center.

3. **Treasurer's Report:** Lorraine reported that the raffle at April 18<sup>th</sup> meeting grossed \$180.00. Balance in treasury as of April is \$7,041.54. Lorraine filed the IRS 990-N form which was due May 15. She listed LIMG as .com instead of .org. She filed it in Dropbox. Next year she will file as .org.

**LIMG insurance:** Lorraine will investigate the cost and benefits to having insurance.

4. **Membership:** Pete reported that a few members still have not paid dues for 2018.

Membership recruitment was discussed. Some ideas: bringing flyers to clubs, libraries, and other places where potential members might be present; calling members who have failed to pay latest dues; email to other gardening groups about LIMG programs. Going to the CCE Master Gardener graduation to explain about our organization was ruled out because of the dynamics that exists between the groups as explained by Barbara Renner and Lucille Hoell. Pete said we have about 100 paid members. Unfortunately, many pay but don't come to meetings. Membership Directory will be emailed soon. Nancy Lynch will be working on Membership with Pete when she returns from her shoulder surgery.

5. **LIMG Scholarship:** Refer to minutes of April 18 for final decision. One part was reworded after today's discussion: "Current LIMG members in good standing who graduate from the CCE program are eligible for up to \$100 in scholarship funds from LIMG within the year he/she graduates. Up to two awards may be given each year at the discretion of the LIMG executive board. Recipients will be asked to give a brief presentation to the group about their gardening experience or plans." Pete added that the application for the LIMG scholarship needs to specifically outline the criteria for the scholarship. The applications will be reviewed by the executive board and given out at the board's discretion.

6. **Gifts for speakers:** Lorraine is able to get VISA gift cards from TFCU bank at no surcharge. This is a better option than buying store gift cards (expire annually) or gifts.

7. **Meeting adjourned:** 12:45pm      Submitted: Mary-Jo Re