

Minutes of the April 19, 2017 LIMG Executive Board Meeting

Meeting called to order at 11:55 am by president Jo Ann Millard.

Discussions:

Barbara: Brookhaven Town Clean-up: Groups register in advance and are provided gloves, bags and t-shirts. As we can pick the location and time of the clean-up, it was thought that a clean-up of Holtsville Park, our meeting place, would be a nice give back. Lorraine and Nancy will check with the office.

Pete: LIMG is a tax exempt, nonprofit organization, and as such is subject to Freedom of Information queries. Our information is therefore public knowledge; some of that information appears on various websites. Kathy van Dyke assures us that this not a concern.

Pete: Membership – we have 91 members including 5 couples; the membership letter he sent last month was very effective. The reduced couple membership fee is worth it in goodwill.

Lorraine: The Gold Trowel Service Award is now presented biannually; the next award will cover 2016-2017. The winner could be selected based on the 2017 membership applications as there was a place on the application to write what you've done (although some people did not write anything and others mentioned activities that were not gardening related). A sub-committee could meet and go through the applications to select a winner, or we ask the membership for nominations and then select a winner from those nominations.

Presentation of award could be at the Holiday Party in December or at the January meeting. There are advantages and disadvantages for both. Discussion tabled.

Laura: Our plant sale fundraiser is next month (we earned \$295 last year). We'll begin with 3 speakers who are members, each talking for about 15 minutes, followed by our Membership meeting and then the plant sale. We will not have a raffle. Question: How can we make plant purchases fair for all members as some people set plants aside for themselves before and during the speaker talks? Some suggestions: 1) For 15 minutes before the speakers talk, allow people to buy plants for twice their listed price. 2) People who donate plants get a raffle ticket; those that have a raffle ticket get to select 1 plant to purchase before everyone else. 3) Monitor people carefully so that all the plants stay on the tables and don't get squirreled away for later purchase
This year we will try to keep a careful eye on everyone so that purchases made at the end of the meeting are fair for everyone. Laura will write something up about the Plant Sale and get it to Pete to be emailed to the membership

Executive Board: many members expressed that they will not continue on the Board once their term is complete in December. We will need to fill many positions for 2018; it is getting more difficult for many organizations to fill their leadership positions.

Meeting adjourned at 12:15pm

Respectfully submitted,
Nancy Lynch