

## LIMG Executive Board September 18, 2019

Present in Attendance: Bob VanDyke, Kathy VanDyke, Lorraine Leacock, George Costa, Peter Herron, Lucille Hoell, Nancy Lynch, Mary-Jo Re, Nora Rooney.

Meeting began approximately 11:30 AM.

Minutes for May 2019 approved on line.

**Treasurer's Report:** Lorraine Leacock sent a \$150.00 check to Farmingdale University to cover the lecture and tour by Professor Veracka. \$100.00 was donated to the Post Morrow Foundation, the site of our August picnic. Kathy VanDyke made a \$25.00 donation to the general fund. The raffle today brought in \$218.00.

**Program Coordinator:** Lucille Hoell informed the board that Tania Entwistle volunteered to be her assistant for the rest of the term. Lucille would like to mentor an assistant, who would then assume the role of Program Coordinator for the following term.

**Communications:** Pete Herron got a new computer. He noted that 40% of members open emails and download pictures. Membership is down to less than 100 from 120 in past years.

**Membership:** Nancy Lynch reported that 6 new members joined today including 1 master gardener volunteer who graduated in 2019. In October the sign in sheet will ask for email addresses.

Kathy VanDyke made a motion, seconded by Mary-Jo Re, that "anyone who joins the LIMG starting in September will have the \$25.00 membership applied to the next full year's membership, and the September to December fee of the current year would be waived." The vote was unanimous.

As a result of this policy change Nancy Lynch will contact the 5 new members who paid today to let them know that that payment will be for their 2020 membership year.

**Logo Items:** An attempt was made to contact Jo Ann Millard to see what the remaining inventory of shirts and sweatshirts was. No contact was made.

**Publicity:** Kathy VanDyke composed a letter explaining the mission, make up, and programs of the Long Island Master Gardeners. She plans to email it to the list of garden clubs and centers that might have gardeners interested in joining the LIMG. Everyone read the letter and agreed that it was a good idea in hopes of adding new members to the group.

**Nominating Committee:** Kathy VanDyke volunteered to chair nominating committee and suggested two members who would help her: Dottie Oliveri and Emely Uckert.

George Costa suggested sending an email to all members outlining the slate of office positions and asking for volunteers interested in any of the positions.

Nora Rooney is resigning as “member-at-large.”

The following 2019 officers’ positions are up for re-election for 2020. All terms are two years.

President: Bob VanDyke

Vice-President and Program Coordinator: Lucille Hoell

Secretary: January, February, March, April: Eileen Taborsky

May, June, July, August, September, October, November, December: Mary-Jo Re

Treasurer: Lorraine Leacock

Membership Director: Nancy Lynch

Communications Director: Peter Herron

Members-at-Large: George Costa,

Tania Entwistle

Nora Rooney

Kathy VanDyke

Note: Jo Ann Millard, as immediate past president, will serve as ex-officio member of the Executive Board.

**Golden Trowel Award:** Nancy Lynch has given out forms for nominating a member for the Golden Trowel Award. The application includes the criteria for getting the award. The deadline for nominating someone is November 15, 2019. The Golden Trowel is awarded in January.

**Holiday Party:** Wednesday December 18, if confirmed, will be at the Ecology Site. Kathy VanDyke suggested bringing in items for creating holiday decorations. Kathy has wire wreathes, wooden birdhouses, canvas bags. Porch spindles are also left over from past crafts. Kathy has the glue, paint, brushes for the crafts. Interested participants need to bring greens, pods, branches, and ribbons to complete the items. Sounds like fun.

No new business.

No old business.

Meeting concluded approximately 1:30pm

Respectively submitted: Mary-Jo Re