

Long Island Master Gardeners

Minutes of Executive Board Meeting October 18, 2017

Meeting called to order at 11:40am at the Holtsville Ecology Center

Attendees: JoAnn Millard, Barbara Renner, Pete Herron, Lorraine Leacock, Mary-Jo Re, Nancy Lynch, Guy D'Angelo, Helen Liedel, Andrea and Ed Quinn, Bob VanDyke (guest)

1. Treasurer's Report/Lorraine Leacock: Balance is \$7, 080.61 as of October 18, 2017.
2. Golden Trowel Award (biannual award)/Nancy Lynch: applications were given out, nominations due back by November meeting. LIMG board will read and discuss nominations at the November board meeting. Award will be presented in January 2018.
3. Email buddies are needed for those members who don't have internet access. Anyone who would like to volunteer needs to let Pete Herron know.
4. Nominating Committee/Kathy VanDyke: The slate for 2018 and the next election is:
 - President- Bob VanDyke
 - Vice President/Program Chair: Lucille Hoell
 - Secretary: Mary-Jo Re with Eileen Taborsky filling in for January-April 2018
 - Members-at-Large: Nancy Lynch, Barbara Renner, Guy D'Angelo, Nora Rooney ,Kathy VanDyke. Current President, JoAnn Millard, will be the sixth member-at-large unless she chooses not to.
 - Webmaster/Newsletter (appointed) Peter Herron
5. Membership/Peter Herron: Dues for 2018 due November 15. Checks for \$25 per person, \$35 per couple should be made out to LIMG. Discussion of how to handle members who no longer pay. Pete often doesn't know if it's due to debilitation, illness, or that the person is no longer interested. Needs to be handled on a person by person basis.
6. Philanthropy: Island Harvest: food items (no glass) will be collected at the November meeting. Eileen and Bob Taborsky will deliver the food.

Christmas Project: Samaritan's Purse. Shoe boxes of items for children of varying ages to be collected at the November meeting. Members may fill a shoe box or just bring items that can be put into shoe boxes for delivery to children's programs.

Subsequent investigation by Pete Herron revealed that Samaritan's Purse is an evangelization tool for a particular Christian group. Board members via email felt it didn't match the mission of the LIMG and suggested finding another avenue to benefit children.

7. Newsletter: Barbara Renner will contact Darlene Widirstky to check if she still plans to do "The Lighter Side of Gardening", the newsletter.
8. Logo Clothing/JoAnn Millard: tank tops, long and short sleeve t-shirts, pull-over sweatshirts, and zippered sweatshirts with an embroidered LIMG logo are still available for prices between \$15 and \$35. Contact JoAnn Millard if any member wants to buy one. Many members wore them at this meeting.
9. Christmas Party: Guy D'Angelo will check his church in Moriches for the dates available. December 13 is the regular meeting date and hopefully is available. Pete Herron will send out a "save the date" as soon as he hears from Guy. Barbara Renner will take care of the sign up for food; Ed Quinn will take care of coffee/tea, etc. Suggestions: give away poinsettia center pieces on each table; Bingo Raffles, Entertainment (to be checked out by Bob Van Dyke).
10. Discussion of possible group trips in future:
Redhook Farm near Fairway with lunch at Ikea.
Weeksville: Save the Willow in Brooklyn.

Meeting adjourned at 12:40pm (motion by Pete Herron was seconded by Nancy Lynch).