

Long Island Master Gardener  
Minutes of Board Meeting December 16, 2015

Present: Barbara Renner, JoAnn Millard, Nancy Lynch, Helen Leidel, Mary-Jo Re, Peter Herron, Lorraine Leacock, Guy D'Angelo, and Laura Liawski

Note: Since President Ann Copelli was unable to attend this meeting, she designated Vice President Barbara Renner to conduct the meeting. President Copelli did speak to Lorraine re clarifying the \$300 speaker fee to April Perry. The annual LIMG donation to Ecology Center should be separate as it always has been.

1. Monthly Meetings:

Barbara Renner suggested that Board Meetings be held after the regular Business Meeting each month so that the Board could conduct its discussion in a more quiet and focused atmosphere.

Discussion: Pete Herron felt that the board's presence at the beginning of the business meeting enabled early arriving members to listen in and to see that the board members work very hard on the members' behalf.

JoAnn Millard felt that having the board meeting afterward gave time for a discussion of gardening topics before the Business meeting. Mary-Jo Re suggested a topic of the month to focus gardening discussion.

Jo Ann Millard made a motion to move the Board Meeting to the time after the Business meeting for the month of January "to try it out". Helen Leidel seconded the motion. Helen also suggested that the minutes of the previous meeting be read before each Business Meeting.

A vote was not taken, but everyone present seemed to be in agreement to try it for one month.

The time schedule for January would be as follows:

8:45 AM: Set up chairs, refreshments, and socializing.

9:30 AM to 10:30 AM: Guest Speaker.

10:30 AM: Membership business meeting, raffle, and clean up.

11:00 AM: Executive board meeting.

2. Who's Who on the Board:

Pete Herron expressed a need for the board to discuss who is on the board at the next meeting.

3. Program:

January 20, 2016, meeting: Kimberly Lamiroult, Centennial Volunteer Ambassador for the Fire Island National Seashore, and Kathy Krause, Chief of interpretation and Education for the Fire island National Seashore, will give a talk on Seashore Gardening.

February 17, 2016, meeting: Kathy VanDyke will discuss what she and her husband, bob, have been doing for The Project Bloom Renovation Project.

Submitted by Mary-Jo Re, Secretary