

Greater St Louis Daffodil Society Meeting

February 25 2018

MBG Commerce Bank Education Center

President Cindy Haeffner called the meeting to order at 1:30 PM. She showed us some bluebird houses she had made from some old barn yellow pine, one had an interesting vent at the top.

Cindy then introduced our speaker of the day, our own Peter McAdams, speaking on Bees and Beekeeping. Peter then magically appeared in full beekeeping regalia. He brought his hive equipment, tools and examples of the inner working, even some tasting samples. We all enjoyed the great presentation and had lots of questions.

After a break, Cindy opened the business part of our meeting:

Minutes: Minutes of our September 19, 2017 meeting have been posted on our website. Bob Skaggs moved that the minutes be accepted as written. Pam Hardy seconded the motion and it was passed by a voice vote.

Treasurer, Peter McAdams, reviewed the year end statement as well as expenses already this year. Our net balance is \$11,000. We probably won't have as much income in this and future years because we no longer have the Becky Bucks from MBG purchases.

Old Business:

Nominating committee: Jason reported we have a President, Beth Holbrooke will serve. Dave Niswonger agreed to serve as Vice President. A vote was held and both were approved as officers. We also need a Hospitality Chair, to store and bring beverages and materials, paper plates, napkins, cups, ice, etc. Arla and Dave Chevess offered to take on the hospitality tasks.

New Business:

Bellefontaine Cemetery--Jason presented a proposal that GSLDS sponsor Bellefontaine Cemetery becoming an ADS public display garden. They have lined Prospect Drive with thousands of daffodils and it was such a great place for us to showcase for the World Daffodil Convention. The cost for a 3 year public Membership is \$75. Pam Hardy moved that we sponsor Bellefontaine Cemetery, Brenda Van Booven seconded the motion and it was passed unanimously.

Shaw Nature Reserve--Jason showed us the certificates that have been received honoring two varieties of daffodils that came from the stock we have dug up at Shaw; Shaw's Gift and Shaw's Legacy. SNR is creating a place to highlight their history and Jason is proposing that we have these two certificates, and pictures of the named varieties, professionally framed and present them to SNR. Sonja, Lallemand moved that we spend up to \$375 to get these two framed. Pam Hardy seconded the motion and it was passed unanimously.

Our show—Daffodil Elements-- will be held on Saturday and Sunday 3/31 and 4/1, which is also Easter Sunday. Lynn Slackman has posted our 2018 Show Schedule on our webpage: <http://stldaffodilclub.org/preshow2018.html> and noted that since we are a Regional show this year,

Horticulture has additional categories, a Tuggle and a Miniature Bronze. Print a copy for yourself. Youth section has a special category of Pink Charm. Our set up date is Friday 3/30 and we should have the room from 3PM on. As usual we need to set up ("All hands on deck" is the standard). the tables, stands, covers, etc first, then all can work on staging their entries. Entrants can work on their entries from 4PM through the night til 7AM Saturday morning. 'Entries close promptly at 7 AM on Sat 3/31. Judging will then begin and the show must open at 9:00am per MBG requirements. Please bring in all the daffodils you can even if not of show quality; we need them for design and the children's corner.

Design, Photography and Clerks--Suzanne Raymond presented the Design categories under the theme of 'Daffodil Elements' (Water, Wood, Fire, Wind and Metal) , and passed around a sign up sheet Beth Holbrooke reviewed the Photography categories and asked that we consider bringing in any photos. Gary Knehans is working on obtaining judges. Beth moved that we approve purchase of an additional 15 certificates and Suzy Wert seconded the motion. It was passed by a voice vote. A call was made for clerks, with Pam Hardy, Vaughn Meister and Brenda Van Booven volunteering

Daffodil Dig at Shaw—Jason reported that we may or may not be able to dig at SNR this year. If we are able to get a date it will be a weekday, probably the week of 4/9. Jason will let all know as plans are finalized.

Bulb Exchange—We talked a bit about our Exchange, exploring if we wanted to make an earlier purchase from Esker Farms, so that we can have more new daffodil hybrids and receive them early enough. An order submitted at the ADS Convention in Nashville, the weekend of April 7-8 would be timely. Peter moved that we purchase \$500 of bulbs, we amended that amount to \$750, and it was passed on a voice vote.

Garden Tour--Peter is having a Garden tour at his home in Brighton, IL, on Sundays, 3/25 and 4/8. All are welcome, Peter will send an email reminding us and will be roasting hot dogs. Bring a dish and come out and enjoy.

Newsletter—Suzy Wert has offered to edit our newsletter, but of course needs articles from the membership. Step up you daffodillers! She will give us a deadline.

Doorprize -- Beth Holbrook won the \$25 gift certificate/

Adjournment -- Peter McAdams moved we adjourn. Brenda Van Booven seconded the motion and it was passed by a voice vote.

See you all at the show

Respectfully submitted

Vaughn Meister