President Diana Plahn opened the meeting at 1:08 PM. The first order of business was to make a motion to suspend the use of Robert’s Rules concerning going to each committee and asking for a report. The President would instead ask “are there any committee reports?” with those with reports raising their hands. The Society would then hear the reports. A motion was made, duly seconded and voted upon. The motion carried.

Diana Plahn had no update for the convention as Bruce Buehrig was not present.

The next topic she discussed was vendor’s day. This will be held on April 17, in the Beaumont room at The Missouri Botanical Garden. This location should benefit vendors because of walk-in traffic from the Garden. Volunteers are needed to help vendors unload and set up. Diane will provide a sign-up sheet. Volunteers need to be at the garden at 11:00am. The event should be over and vendors gone by 3:30 or 4:00.

Another order of business President Plahn discussed was the ad the club has placed in the Gateway Gardener. It will run in the May-June edition and advertise both the club itself along with the National Hosta Society Convention.
Jolly Ann Whitener reported that to date 75 people have registered for the convention and 32 have signed up for the bus tour. She also still needs volunteers on the June 14 and 15 for registration desk.

Phyllis Weidman reported that there will not be a work day at MOBOT this year. She requested that members would please donate plants for the plant sale at the Missouri Botanical Garden. This will be held on April 23 and 24. Volunteers are needed.

Ted Piekutowski reminded members that the club plant orders are due today.

Diana Plahn asked membership if they thought the society should pay for booth at the O’Fallon Founders and Expo in May. Members voted no. She then reminded members that the May 15 meeting would be the last one before convention.

Pam Wolkowitz made a motion to adjourn. Jim Wiedman seconded it. Ted Piekutowski introduced the speaker, Jack Lane.