ST. LOUIS HOSTA SOCIETY

Regular Meeting Minutes

September 16, 2007

The meeting was called to order at 1:30 p.m. by President Arlie Tempel, after members shopped for hostas that were brought by our speaker, Rob Mortko, from Made In The Shade Gardens.

The Board members present were introduced to the club: Arlie Tempel, President; Jeff Hall, Vice-President; Pat Payton, Treasurer and Pam Wolkowitz, Secretary.

Jim Ting, a speaker for our 2008 Convention, was a guest at our meeting.

New member John (last name is coming) from Kirkwood was welcomed to the club.

The reading of the minutes from the last meeting was dispensed with.

The Treasurer’s report, given by Pay Payton, showed $16,735.87 in our regular club account. Our Convention account contained $8,868.38.

Arlie informed the club of a National Program to research the eradication of Virus X. They will need $40,000 for this program. Dr. Lockhart of the University of Minnesota will head the program. The Board had agreed that our club should donate $2000.00 to AHS. A motion was made by Marietta Flotron to send the amount of $2000.00 to AHS. Dr. Paul Bonstead seconded the motion and it was passed.

At our last meeting Jim read a proposed change to the by-laws that is needed in order to proceed with obtaining a 501 ( c ) (3) for our local society. The following change was distributed to all members present at our last meeting in writing, and Phyllis presented it for a vote at this meeting:

The St. Louis Hosta Society may be dissolved in accordance with the procedure prescribed in Missouri Nonprofit Corporation Act, Chapter 355 of the Revised Statutes of Missouri, as amended (the “Act”). At any time when the dissolution of the Society is authorized, the Board of Directors then holding office shall distribute the assets of the Society remaining after the payment, satisfaction and discharge, or adequate provision therefore, of all liabilities and obligations of the Society, to another non-profit organization.
Phyllis Weidman made a motion to accept, Chester Wolkowitz seconded the motion and it was passed by all.

Nancy Tempel, who is in charge of the Volunteer Committee, advised the club of the help she would need in Registration, data entry of plants, bus captains and helpers in the gardens. She wanted everyone to be thinking about how they could help. She would be asking again at the February 2008 meeting.

The Nominating Committee submitted the following names for new Officers:

Jeff Hall-----President
Pam Wolkowitz-----Vice-President
Dave Poos---Treasurer
Joan Hummel----Secretary

All nominees were accepted.

The Holiday Party will be held at Joan and Larry Hummel’s again this year on December 15th at 6:30 p.m.

Arlie reminded people that this is a great time to divide hostas and pot some up for the upcoming Mo/Bot Sale and Convention Auction in 2008.

Pat Payton suggested that we send a $300.00 fee to Missouri Botanical Gardens which would allow us to have our meetings there and also be recognized on their Registry. Martha Karlovetz made a motion that our club become sanctioned by sending the $300.00 in and determine the room location for meeting at a later date. Elaine Fix made a second and the motion passed.

Long time member Gene Fink has had open heart surgery and is at St. Joseph’s Hospital in St. Charles.

Everyone was invited to stay after our speaker for the Convention meeting.

Elaine Fix made a motion to adjourn the meeting. A second was made by Chester Wolkowitz and the motion passed. The meeting adjourned at 1:47 p.m., at which time Jeff Hall introduced our speaker, Rob Mortko of Made In The Shade Gardens in Kansas City. His website is www.hostaguy.com.

Respectfully submitted,
Pam Wolkowitz, Secretary