

**St. Louis Hosta Society
Regular Meeting Minutes
February 16, 2014**

Meeting began at 1:05 pm.

Phyllis Weidman began the meeting by thanking Mike and Sharon Schmitt and all the members for bringing food for our potluck today.

Phyllis thanked Joan Poos for her excellent work on the newsletters. All newsletters are also available on the hosta society website.

Hosta Finders are available for sale. Please contact Cindy Michniok to purchase.

Today is the deadline for club plant orders. The club is purchasing plants from Rob Mortko (Made in the Shade Gardens) and they will come in 4" pots. See the 2014 club plant chair, Ted Piekutowski, to purchase.

Polo shirts and denim shirts embroidered with the hosta logo are available for sale. Members should complete an order form (available in the newsletter) and mail with payment to Kelly Hall.

There are signup sheets for various volunteer functions. Please sign up to pitch in and help the club. There are AHS Virus-X brochures available.

Photos of Bruce Buehrig's garden were featured in the latest AHS journal. Photos of the Poos' garden were featured in the *Garden Gate* magazine.

The AHS national convention will be in Cedar Rapids, IA. The regional convention will be in Green Bay, WI.

The 2014 plant sale at MO Bot will be on mother's day weekend (May 10-11). We will be sharing a room with the Bonsai club. Set up begins at 6:00am on Saturday and the sale will open at 9:00am. Digging crews are available if you need help; please contact Phyllis Weidman.

We need volunteers to host garden walks this year.

Phyllis asked whether anyone has website experience. We need someone to eventually take over the website updates. Phyllis also asked whether anyone has any interest in working at local farmers markets to sell and promote hostas.

Phyllis brought up the subject of Bruce Buehrig's request that St. Louis host another national convention. The year 2016 is available. Phyllis asked for a motion, no one responded. Phyllis made the motion. Jolly Ann Whitener seconded the motion. A passing motion means that St. Louis Hosta Society funds would be made available to front costs for deposits (hotels, etc.) for the convention. There is \$15,477 in the treasury, per Cindy Michniok. Concerns were expressed from various members

regarding funds, having enough national quality gardens, criteria for a tour garden, will there be enough volunteers, etc. The AHS will chair the auction and the leaf show. Also, there will be no buses. This will be a self-drive tour with maps being provided. A few members raised their hands when asked whether they would be willing to open their gardens (Plahn, Poos, Whitener, Schmitt, and Buehrig). Bruce and Chick Buehrig volunteered to chair the convention. A vote was cast and there were 14 for, 9 against, and approximately 17 no votes. Not an overwhelming result. Before responding to the AHS with an answer, Phyllis will follow up with Buehrigs to find out who their chair persons are, the proposed convention date, and what hotel has been selected.

Cindy Michniok announced that her family will begin downsizing Arlie and Nancy Tempel's garden this year and there will be upcoming sales.

We played a fun game of Hosta (bingo). Gift certificate prizes were given to the winners.

Meeting adjourned at 3:00 pm.

Submitted by:

Kelly Hall, Secretary