

NV-ASA MINUTES

December 8, 2019

President Lars Larson called the meeting to order at 3:10 pm and welcomed everyone. There were approximately 50 members and guests in attendance. Meeting was held at the Larson home and was preceded by a holiday potluck.

Lars reported that 2019 was an exceptional year for NV-ASA. There was an increase in new members, attendance at meetings, volunteering and income from plant sales. Communication is excellent via the newsletters.

Paul Beck gave the Treasurer's Report covering the period January 1, 2019-December 8, 2019. Total income was \$11,922.80. Total balance on hand as of December 8 is \$33,067.93. In 2019, the Becks were fully reimbursed for all propagation expenses, and the budget of \$3,000 was significantly exceeded by approximately \$2,800. The suggested propagation expense budget for 2020 is \$4,800. Some budgeted expenses not yet paid include \$1,200 to Norfolk Botanical Garden; \$3,000 for signage at Meadowlark Garden; and \$2,000 in seed money for the possible 2023 convention in Georgia.

The Club wishes to maintain an approximate \$20,000 cash reserve. At the October executive meeting, the Board voted to donate \$4,500 as follows:

\$1,000 Friends of the National Arboretum

\$1,500 Friends of Green Spring Title I Program

\$1,000 Meadowlark Botanical Garden (support of Klimavicz garden)

\$1,000 ASA General Fund

Discussion followed regarding distribution of above donations. Paul Beck motioned that the \$1,000 suggested donation to the Arboretum be reallocated to Meadowlark thereby increasing the Meadowlark donation to \$2,000. Joe Gutierrez seconded. Motion passed.

The amended donation distribution is as follows: \$1,500 Friends of Green Spring Title I Program; \$2,000 to Meadowlark and \$1,000 to ASA General Fund. Rick

Bauer motioned that we accept the amended donation distribution. Joe Gutierrez seconded. Motion passed.

The slate of officers for 2019-20 was presented as follows: President Lars Larson, Vice President Diane Marcus, Treasurer Paul Beck and Secretary Joanne Neckel. There were no other nominations from the floor. Budne Reinke motioned that we approve the slate of officers. Joe Gutierrez seconded. Motion passed.

Carolyn Beck reported on the plant distributions for 2019. The total azaleas donated and sold were 763. Acquisitions were 453 plants. There were no cuttings started this year. Mike White will resume our cuttings in 2020. The Becks started evergreen azaleas from cuttings and deciduous from seed in sufficient quantities to provide for the near future. Upcoming sales events will remain the same as 2019 plus perhaps one or two at Meadowlark Gardens parking lot during Klimavicz bloom season. Carolyn thanked the members who are currently caring for the growing azaleas.

Rick Bauer motioned that meeting be adjourned. Joe Gutierrez seconded. Meeting adjourned 3:40 pm.

Submitted by Joanne Neckel, Secretary