

NV-ASA MINUTES 12-03-2023

President Barbara Kirkwood welcomed all members to the December meeting and potluck held at Kirkwood Church. The Club year runs from January-December so she issued a gentle reminder that dues can be paid several ways---cash, check, online. Treasurer Paul Beck can handle your payment.

The first meeting of 2024 will be held March 17. Speaker will be announced at a later date.

The national azalea convention will be held April 2-4 in Auburn, Georgia. The Alabamense chapter is a small group and is working with a small seed money account; therefore, it is urged that anyone planning to attend the convention to please register ASAP.

Barbara presented the following slate of officers for 2024:

President Barbara Kirkwood, Vice President Dave Nanney, Secretary Joanne Neckel, Treasurer Paul Beck

Receiving no other nominations from the floor, Ric Bauer moved that the slate of officers be accepted. Kathy Jentz seconded. The presented slate was approved.

Treasurer Paul Beck distributed the January 1, 2023 to December 3, 2023 treasurer's report and pointed out some highlights. Despite low attendance and high prices at the Atlanta convention, the Club made \$8,500 in net proceeds from the event. The Meadowlark plant sale has been very successful but the member-only sale was not. The current cash on hand is \$50,820.73 with current obligations of \$5,455.

Discussion was held regarding suggested Club donations. Joe Klimavicz motioned that \$2,000 be donated to the Alabamense chapter. Joe Gutierrez seconded. Motioned passed.

Next discussion concerned the \$1,000 Green Springs Title I donation or alternatively the new pavilion donation. Dave Meadows motioned that we keep the \$1,000 Title I donation and add a \$1,000 donation for the new pavilion. Barry Sperling seconded. Motion passed.

Budne Reinke motioned to increase the Kirkwood church donation to \$1,000. Brenda Klimavicz seconded. Motion passed.

Since no other Club donations were presented, Ric Bauer motioned that we accept the new \$10,500 total Club donations for 2023. Paul Davis seconded. Motion passed.

Since there were no other questions or comments regarding the proposed 2023-24 budget, Ric Bauer motioned that we accept the proposed budget. Dave Meadows seconded. Motion passed.

The Club is still in need of a plant coordinator/contact person to act as a point person regarding plant sale.

Dave Nanney spoke of the early years of the Club when he and Leslie first joined and how the chapter has grown since those days. This growth can be credited to the efforts and innovations of a special couple, Carolyn and Paul Beck. In recognition of their volunteerism, they were presented a beautiful azalea painting from a local artist.

Meeting adjourned 3:15 pm. Submitted by Joanne Neckel, Secretary