

NV-ASA Minutes 12-08-2024

President Barbara Kirkwood opened the meeting at 2:20 pm by thanking the many volunteers who made quick work of setting up the festive tables for today's luncheon. Carolyn Beck largely organized the event, and approximately 30 members were in attendance.

It's December again which means it's time to renew annual dues. Treasurer Paul Beck has provided several methods to pay including on the website, in person or mailing a check.

The ASA convention will be coming up May 7-10, 2025. It will be sponsored by Jenkins Arboretum in nearby Pennsylvania. The convention will be limited to azalea society members only and includes several well known gardens. Please secure your reservations early in order to not be left out.

December is also when NV-ASA elects its new officers for 2025. After several attempts to reach out to some new members to fill the positions and coming up short, the proposed board for 2025 is as follows:

President – Barbara Kirkwood

Vice President – Dave Nanney

Treasurer – Paul Beck

Secretary – Joanne Neckel

Having secured no other nominations from the floor, Ric Bauer motioned that the proposed slate of officers be confirmed as presented. Diane Marcus seconded. Motion passed. New board elected as presented.

There was a short discussion as to whether or not we want to continue meeting on Sunday afternoons. Considering the availability of the church hall and popularity of Saturday events, the majority wished to keep the Sunday afternoon date.

There is a tentative working calendar set up for 2025. Updates will be provided in the newsletter.

Paul Beck distributed the January 1, 2024 – December 8, 2024 Treasurer's Report. Net revenue for the 2024 plant sale was \$8,667.80. The fall sale was successful, but the member-only sale was not. Meadowlark plant sales were down due to poor weather. The Chapter continues to maintain a healthy balance. In fact, it was able to provide Jenkins with an interest-free \$10,000 loan to use in early deposits for the upcoming convention.

Current cash on hand is \$33,237.75. The following are the recommended 2024 end-of-year donations:

\$1,000 Green Springs Title I

\$7,500 Meadowlark Botanical Gardens – irrigation

\$1,000 ASA General Fund

\$500 Kirkwood Church

\$10,000 total donations

Discussion was held regarding above donations especially the irrigation system at Meadowlark. As a result of the dry weather, the pond used for irrigation was dry so watering was difficult. The Club is still awaiting a signed contract for the irrigation system at Meadowlark.

Our next meeting will be held on March 23, 2025. Meeting adjourned 2:45 pm.

Submitted by Joanne Neckel, Secretary