



Mid America Regional Lily Society

Minutes of March 25, 2017

MARLS Member Meeting
Saturday, March 25, 2017
Beaumont Room at Missouri Botanical Garden

Kim Peterson brought the meeting to order at 9:05 AM. In attendance were Kim & Roy Peterson, Pam Hardy, Bob & Mary Lou Snider, Mary Ann Campbell, Ellen Mell, and Lynn Slackman. Kim welcomed everyone to the MARLS meeting.

The first order of business; President Kim Peterson awarded Lynn Slackman the North America Lily Society (NALS) Regional Service Medal. This is awarded for outstanding service to a Regional Lily Society. Lynn was totally surprised and speechless at the awards presentation.

Meeting Minutes; Lynn Slackman read the minutes from the October 29, 2016 MARLS meeting. Kim Peterson asked that 'Tubes of wooden blocks for Photography' be added to the list of items in the 'MARLS properties currently in Red Dot Storage unit' list as a correction to the October 29th meeting minutes. No further corrections were voiced, so Pam Hardy moved that the minutes be approved as read and updated with changes to the MARLS properties list. Mary Lou Snider seconded that motion. Everyone in attendance voiced their approval of the motion; the minutes were accepted.

Treasurer's Report; Roy Peterson reported that the current balance in the MARLS checking account is \$2,733.10.

The following disbursements have been rendered;

- \$50 to NALS for annual Regional Society dues
- \$150 to Missouri Botanical Garden for use of their meeting facilities during 2017
- \$23.69 to Kim Peterson for expenses incurred while conducting MARLS business.

Pam Hardy moved that we accept the Treasurer's report subject to audit. Mary Ann Campbell seconded that motion. Everyone in attendance voiced their approval of the Treasurer's report.

Executive committee email vote; since the MARLS organization plans to cease to operate after 2017, we needed to identify MARLS members so they can participate in the final decisions regarding the organization. The executive committee also felt it would be a moot point for our existing membership base to pay membership dues during 2017. The Executive committee voted to make anyone who had paid membership in 2016 a member in 2017.

Disbursement of NALS Show properties; the upcoming NALS Lily Show would be a good opportunity to give-away the MARLS show supplies to other regional lily societies. Lynn Slackman agreed to contact Wanda Lunn from the Iowa Regional Lily Society about the horticulture tubes and blocks and Pam Hardy agreed to contact Jean Morris about the design backgrounds. We still need to find a home for the plastic baskets used at the bulb sales.

Timeline for disbanding MARLS club; after the 2017 NALS convention, scheduled for June 28 – July 2, 2017, we plan to have a final MARLS meeting during July. All in attendance at the March 25 meeting concurred with a final July 2017 meeting. We strongly encourage our membership to attend this meeting.

At our final meeting we plan to discuss the final clean-up and disbursement of items in the Red Dot Storage unit listed in the October 29, 2016 meeting minutes, the shutdown of the MARLS website, and disbursement of MARLS funds in the treasury.

NALS 2017 Symposium and Conference;

Volunteers: We need volunteers to help with registration on Wednesday - June 28, Thursday – June 29, and Friday morning – June 30, 2017. Lynn Slackman will be sending out an email during the next couple of weeks that identifies specific time slots for registration volunteers.

We also need volunteers to greet and provide information to the public on Saturday – July 1 at NALS Lily showroom. Lynn Slackman plans to contact some master gardener groups and garden clubs to solicit help for this event. NALS members are scheduled for a tour at MBG, so they will be away from the hotel and cannot provide this assistance.

Artistic Design: Kim Peterson, design chair for the 2017 NALS Lily Show, reviewed and discussed the following design classes;

Class 1. "Meandering Down the Mighty Mississippi"- a Creative design featuring water

Class 2. "The Louisiana Purchase of 1803" - a Traditional Mass design.

Class 3. "Music in the Hall of Mirrors" – a Reflective design

Class 4. "The Black Pearl Dances" – a Multi-Rhythmic design

Class 5. "Classic Chocolate Treats" – a Creative mass design. (Out of state exhibitors are encouraged to enter. Plant material provided and containers provided)

Kim Peterson has a budget of \$500 for flowers and accessories for Design & Table Decorations during the convention. We can submit the bills to Stephanie (NALS Executive Secretary) at the convention or send an electronic invoice prior or after the NALS convention.

Ikebana designs: Kim Peterson has contacted the Ikebana International St Louis Chapter to create Artistic Designs for the 2017 NALS Convention. The Ikebana designs will be staged on cocktail tables in the Versailles Foyer at the hotel. Lynn Slackman made small tent signs that can be placed by each design and Kim Peterson will design a larger sign we can display for the Ikebana organization.

Floor plan for Show and Work rooms: Lynn Slackman reviewed the layout for the showroom and workrooms at the 2017 NALS Lily Show. We discussed the location for design and horticulture, the timing for staging, and placement of exhibits. Lynn will email the floor layouts to the NALS Showroom chair for final approval before submitting them to the hotel for implementation.

MARLS Supplies needed for workroom staging: Kim Peterson reviewed the following list of supplies and assigned names to each item;

LS=Lynn Slackman, KP=Kim Peterson, PH=Pam Hardy, MAC=Mary Ann Campbell

300 show entry tags: Lynn Slackman received these from Stephanie at NALS Winter meeting - LS

Misc. artistic & entry for prep things: clippers, scissors, tip, small brushes, pens. We have 1 - Package of Q-Tips, 1 - Package of cotton balls, 1 - pair of Scissors, 1 - Garden Clippers, from the Chicago Show. Kim Peterson said she could also bring some items. - KP, LS

25 - 5 gal buckets, Pam Hardy has 25 buckets allocated – PH

Water cans, Lynn Slackman has 2 water cans and some squeeze bottles - LS

Paper towels, we brought back 3 rolls of paper towels from Chicago – LS

300 tubes & bases, are in the MARLS storage shed, will bring 280 MARLS properties, 235 small tubes and bases to fit, 45 large tubes and bases to fit, this totals 280 tubes with matching bases, Lynn Slackman will triple check with Art Evans for additional blocks and tubes from Springfield – KP, LS

Stem support, celery, plastic peanut – After much discussion about this topic Pam Hardy indicated that she would determine support material and buy it if necessary - PH

4 wheel carts - PH will bring 3, KP will bring 1

Large garbage cans with bags – Hotel will provide this item

Small first aid kit; Tylenol, aspirin, band aid, Pam has access to these items from your Red Cross work – PH

Extra pen & paper - LS, KP, others

Room layout for show and work rooms – LS

Table cloth - Hotel will cover all tables in the showroom, workrooms tables will not be covered

Division & class tags, Lynn Slackman has an inventory of Division & class signs from Chicago...and has printed new signs for the Design Division. – LS

Award table riser boxes, Kim and Roy Peterson will bring risers; LS will bring 5 sheets to cover them.

How to operate lights, temp, doors - Hotel will take care of this

Directional Signs, Lynn Slackman will design and print signs for use at the hotel - LS

Staging tables, workroom design will be submitted to hotel- LS

Cooler space at hotel, we will have access to walk-in cooler space at the hotel - LS

Public information, join NALS brochure, Stephanie will ship or bring this with her to St Louis - LS

Volunteers for showroom, Lynn Slackman is pursuing volunteers with Master Gardener's and Garden Club members - LS

Pro panels for photographs, Pam Hardy will obtain Pro panels for photography - PH

Vender contacts - Pam Hardy has one vendor confirmed - PH

Design staging backdrops and holders, Kim Peterson will bring these items from the MARLS storage shed - KP

Punches and clipboards belonging to MARLS - Kim Peterson will bring these items from the storage shed and combine them with the items we already have from Chicago - KP

Extra rosettes belonging to MARLS, Kim Peterson will bring rosettes for Design and photography 'Best in Show' awards- KP

Boards and water tubes to hold single blooms - Kim Peterson will bring from MARLS storage shed - KP

Ribbons to divide classes, we have a large supply of ribbon dividers from the Chicago Show - LS

Pam Hardy plans to visit the Red Dot Storage unit where MARLS supplies are located and fill-in with supplies she already has allocated to the NALS Lily Show.

New Business

Next Meeting; May 20, 2017 at Missouri Botanical Garden - CBEC Building

Lynn Slackman motioned that we adjourn the meeting, Pam Hardy seconded the motion, and the meeting was adjourned at 11:50 AM.

Respectfully submitted,
Lynn Slackman