



Mid America Regional Lily Society

Minutes of October 29, 2016

MARLS Member Meeting
Saturday, October 29, 2016
Beaumont Room at Missouri Botanical Garden

Kim Peterson brought the meeting to order at 10:03 AM. In attendance were Kim & Roy Peterson, Pam Hardy, Camilla Kotrba, Renee Shinkle, Bob & Mary Lou Snider, Carol Applebaum, Ellen Mell, and Lynn Slackman. Kim welcomed everyone to the MARLS meeting.

Lynn Slackman read the minutes from the July 23rd MARLS Awards meeting, Kim Peterson asked for any corrections to the minutes from our July 23rd meeting minutes. Pam Hardy moved that the minutes be approved as read and Roy Peterson seconded that motion. Everyone in attendance voiced their approval of the motion; the minutes were accepted as read.

Jean Winterowd has stepped down as Treasurer for the MARLS organization. Roy Peterson was nominated as the new Treasurer. Pam Hardy moved that Roy Peterson replace Jean Winterowd as Treasurer for the MARLS organization. Camilla Kotrba seconded that motion. Everyone in attendance voiced their approval of the motion; Roy Peterson is the new Treasurer for the Mid America Regional Lily Society.

MARLS Financials; President Kim Peterson reported that the Certificate of Deposit in the amount of \$4,030.02 was transferred to MARLS checking account on 7/29/2016.

Large bills recently paid were:

- \$2,585 to NALS for donation to 2017 Convention fund
- \$200 to Mid Central Region of National Garden Club
- \$628 to Safe Storage Inn. MARLS did not pay bill in 2014 and this catches up our past obligation.

Current Balance in checking account is \$3,228.33

The following reimbursements/bill need to be approved for payment to Kim Peterson:

- Lily Nook Bulbs \$189.40
- Secretary of State filing \$11.25
- Postage \$8.36

Pam Hardy moved that MARLS should reimburse Kim Peterson a total of \$209.01 for the expenses listed above. Roy Peterson seconded that motion. Everyone in attendance voiced their approval of the expenditure.

Pam Hardy submitted an expenditure receipt for the Washington, MO State Fair event where MARLS exhibited an information booth. Roy Peterson moved that MARLS should reimburse Pam Hardy a total of \$27.53 for expenses incurred at the Washington, MO State Fair. Mary Lou Snider seconded that motion. Everyone in attendance voiced their approval of the expenditure.

List of MARLS properties in Storage unit; After the MARLS Lily Show in June of 2016, we discussed what to do with the storage unit currently housing the MARLS organization supplies. We are paid-up with Red Dot Storage until June 2017, and can pay monthly after that expiration date. As we near closer to the end of our lease, we will review what to do with the items listed below.

MARLS properties currently in Red Dot Storage unit follow;

- 4 dozen baskets used at sales
- A few Lets Grow Lilies booklets
- 2 or 3 large signs, easel
- 280 tubes and bases in approx. 12 tubs
- 16 old style design backdrops
- 20 new style backdrops
- 3 green bases used for display of individual blooms
- 3 long boards used for photography display, bases
- 1 box of ribbons
- 1 tub show supplies
- 6' aluminum ladder
- Shelving system of the storage unit—we will have to remove it
- Tubes of wooden blocks for Photography

MARLS 2016 Report of Accomplishments; President Kim Peterson is currently putting together a list of accomplishment for 2016. The MARLS organization participated in four educational out-reach events during 2016. Kim Peterson will send this list to our MARLS Secretary to include with these minutes, on the Accomplishments page of our website, and will also send a completed copy of 2016 MARLS accomplishments to the North American Lily Society organization.

Future of MARLS organization; Due to the planned shutdown of the MARLS organization during 2017, a possible merger of the MARLS organization with the Greater St Louis Daffodil Society was presented to the Board of the Greater St Louis Daffodil Society. After much discussion of the pros and cons of this merger, the Greater St Louis Daffodil Society decided to decline the offer of a merger between the two organizations. The MARLS organization will proceed with a shutdown of the organization after the 2017 NALS Convention.

New Business

MARLS Library; Pam Hardy collected 4 boxes of MARLS Library material from Diane Engledorfer. The material in the boxes consisted of NALS Yearbooks, hard-cover books about Lilium, and pamphlets. After group discussion, we decided to setup a display table at the 2017 NALS Convention to offer this educational material to the NALS membership and also donate some of the material to the NALS Auction.

MARLS Lilies at The Jewel Box; Pam Hardy reported that the Lilium planted at The Jewel Box have become terribly over-crowded and needs to be thinned and replanted.

Many of the staff members at the Nature Conservancy are gone so there is no one to maintain this area at The Jewel Box. Pam suggested that we get approval from the Nature Conservancy to dig the bulbs. Lynn Slackman made a motion to schedule a date to dig the bulbs, plant back the viable bulbs to fill-out the current bed, and donate the excess bulbs to Bellefontaine Cemetery. Pam Hardy seconded that motion. Everyone in attendance voiced their approval of this event.

Pam set a "Dig Date" of Monday 11/7/2016, at 1:00pm, to dig the bulbs. Lynn Slackman, Pam Hardy, Kim & Roy Peterson, and Bob & Mary Lou Snider volunteered to help dig the bulbs and Pam Hardy arranged for delivery of excess bulbs to Jason Delaney at the Bellefontaine Cemetery.

Lilies received for 2017 NALS Convention planting in Bellefontaine Cemetery;

Pam Hardy received a box of Liliium bulbs from Jeff Stiller that contained Dr. Griesbach bulbs. Jeff asked that the bulbs be planted at one of the locations that guests to the 2017 NALS Convention would be visiting. Pam Hardy distributed the bulbs to Jason Delaney at Bellefontaine Cemetery for planting at that location. Kim Peterson agreed to send a thank you note to Jeff Stiller for his generous "In-Kind" donations to the 2017 Convention. We would like to determine the value of the bulbs so we can add this donation to the Sponsor page on the 70th Annual International Lily Show & Symposium website.

Presentation of Events at 70th Annual North American Lily Show & Symposium;

Lynn Slackman reported on the progress of the 70th Annual International Lily Show & Symposium, presented by the North American Lily Society, in St Louis, Missouri on June 28 – July 2, 2017. The site for the Lily Show & Symposium is the Sheraton Westport Chalet Hotel St. Louis. The Lily Show will be staged in the 4,160 square ft. ballroom, with symposium sessions being held in meeting space throughout the first floor of the hotel. The NALS organization will need to borrow the MARLS lily show properties and show properties from the Arkansas Lily Society to stage the Lily Show in St Louis.

Our optional tour, during Lily Show Judging, will be a tour of the Bellefontaine Cemetery. This tour location is an expansive and historic Arboretum located in north St. Louis.

During the Convention we will also visit the Missouri Botanical Garden, arranging a tour of the Garden's Science and Conservation Center herbarium, Peter H. Raven Library, and a possible behind the scenes tour of the garden greenhouses. We will also have our "Keynote" speaker address in the Shoenberg Auditorium at the garden.

Lynn reviewed the detailed tentative schedule for the convention and the need for Speakers at the 2017 Convention.

Lynn then reviewed the flow for promoting the 2017 Convention during 2016 and 2017. She reminded the group that convention success depends upon the success of our team...both local and national. Lynn reviewed areas of responsibility for the convention and many of our members volunteered to help with registration and other local areas of responsibilities for this event.

Bulb Giveaway; Kim Peterson pointed out the many bulbs available for members to plant and bring to the 2017 NALS Convention. We will need flowers for the Horticulture and Floral Design sections of the Lily Show.

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

Respectfully submitted,
Lynn Slackman