

ILLINOIS DUNESLAND GARDEN CLUB MEETING
February 8, 2011
Zion Benton Library

The welcome and Pledge of Allegiance were given by Jill LaBelle, who chaired the meeting. Two guests, Carol Behn and Terry Fanning, were acknowledged.

Business Meeting

The minutes from the January meeting were read and the treasurer's report was given. The Sunshine report was given by Barb Clark who reported that a card had been sent to Liz Grulke.

Committee Reports

Labor Day Parade Theme, 2011. Cheri Ditzig reported that the Labor Day committee will make a decision for the parade theme next month. She reported that the Zion Park District is celebrating its 65th anniversary this year. Discussion followed that our club might consider waiting and submitting our 75th anniversary theme for the 2012 Labor Day parade as to not conflict if the park district is recognized this year. The discussion will resume at the March meeting.

Chicago Garden Show. April Meyers provided a handout (including giving all the details for a possible trip to the show. Fifteen interested people would be needed for either Monday, March 7 or Wednesday, March 9. Some of the details include: \$15 for tickets; train is \$6.50 one way; bus is \$2.25 one way; Metra train would be taken at 8:04 am from Zion Station, then CTA bus to Navy Pier; group would meet to begin return trip at 3 pm.; take the 4:13 train back to Zion, arriving at 5:03 pm. Sign up was available after the meeting or arrangements could be made by contacting April. No refunds can be made once you purchase your ticket. It was reported that the Park District will not be taking a bus to the Garden Show this year.

Proposed Trips for 2011. April also provided a handout (included) of possible day trips. The list included: Chicago Botanic Garden in the spring; several gardens in the Rockford area; Boerner Botanic Garden and Milwaukee Domes, the Hosta Farm in Walworth, WI; Rotary Botanic Gardens in Jamesville; and several Gourd Festivals.

Old Business

The scholarship update will be given at a later meeting.

Other Items and Concerns

The Refreshment Committee was recognized for their Valentine's Day themed refreshments.

Tip of the Month. Jill LaBelle presented the tip of the month. She demonstrated how to create a decorative twine ball.

The meeting was adjourned and our guest speaker, Barb Larson, Horticulture Educator, Kenosha County UW Extension, was introduced. Her presentation on "Designing a Beautiful Flower Garden" was enjoyed by the group.

Respectfully Submitted

Doreen Matteson
Secretary