

REGION 21 MINUTES OF AUGUST 17, 2019 MEETING Omaha, NE

The meeting was called to order by RVP Kelly Norris.

Written Minutes by Sue Becker dated June 1, 2019 were given to members present.

Written Treasurer report by Sue Witt was given to those present. Checking Account beginning balance \$21,915.62 Ending balance \$19,823.06. Savings Account \$4,855.01. Sue asked if there were any questions. There were no questions or comments. Sue asked for volunteers to help with the auction.

COMMITTEE REPORTS (Kelly Norris gave the following committee reports.)

Judges Training. There are 11 active judges, 8 student judges. Activity reports are due and can be filled out by the 11 judges that are present at this meeting.

Membership. There are 141 AIS members in Region 21.

Newsletter. Gary White is editor of our newsletter and plans to have one mailed by mid October. Please submit any information by September. Personal information as well as pictures of our members would

be nice, especially since we no longer are keeping a scrapbook. This is one way to have records of our regional family.

Website. Wayne Messer also can receive this information to put on the website. AIS has a new website that members can check out.

OLD BUSINESS

Iowa Arboretum was given \$1,000, Monument Valley given \$400, Sass Gardens \$1250.

NEW BUSINESS

Linda Wilke told about Iris Rescue. A past member of the Omaha Iris Society has a collection of the Schleifert iris and hopes to have them saved by our members since she will no longer be able to care for them.

Contact Linda about details, digging is tomorrow at 9 am.

NEW OFFICERS

RVP Wayne Messer, Huxley, IA

Assistant RVP Mike Becker, LeMars, IA

Secretary Carolyn Lingenfelter, Norfolk, NE nominated by Wayne Messer
1st year Board of Directors Deborah Johnson, Sioux Falls, SD nominated by
Dorothy VerHey

Nominations were made from the floor, Mike Becker made a motion to accept the nominations and vote unanimously for both candidates.

FUTURE SPRING MEETING. A discussion followed concerning our next Region 21 meetings.

Spring meetings are lacking four gardens with members unwilling to open their garden to visitors. The 100th anniversary of AIS will be celebrated in New Jersey the 18th -23rd of May 2020. Everyone is encouraged to go. Since this date is close to the same time that Region 21 iris would be blooming, we will not have a spring meeting.

It was suggested to contact the Canada membership about hosting the 2021 spring meeting in Winnipeg, Canada. It was thought that the Canada membership is approximately 75, however they are very scattered about the area. It was felt that at least one of the members has a large garden for viewing. Des Moines, IA was also considered for the 2021 meeting.

FUTURE FALL MEETING

The form that the last few fall meetings have followed seems to be working.

Lincoln 2021
Sioux Falls??? 2022

Mike Becker made a motion to adjourn, Wayne Messer second. Passed

There were 32 registered for the meeting. 21 attended the JT workshops and 30 attended the banquet and heard guest speaker Hybridizer Paul Black from Oregon.

Submitted by Carolyn D. Lingenfelter for publish August 21, 2019