

# DSO Meeting Minutes (2/19/2016)

## 1 Meeting Type

Executive Committee Meeting

## 2 Date, Time and Location

Friday February 19, 2016 6:30pm in the meeting room of Busch Funeral Home

## 3 Start Time

Official Start Time –7:15pm

## 4 Attendees

4.1 Meeting Facilitator: Jerry Moreno, DSO President

4.2 Attending: Jackie and Tony Evangelista, Sarah and Jim Thompson, Mike and Marilyn Weber, Kathy and Randy Foith, Rob and Sharon Swaney, Barb Hosta, Dave Cap

## 5 Business

5.1 **Midwest Dahlia Conference:** Randy Foith, Midwest President discussed the 2018 Midwest show and requested that DSO consider hosting the event, this would not include the Annual show, which will be held on the West Coast that year. Members discussed the pros and cons of hosting a Midwest show, potential venues, expenses and participation at the event. Members present will investigate expenses of potential venues and Jerry Moreno will discuss with Ron Miner. Further discussion to be held at the March 2016 DSO meeting.

5.2 **Treasurer's Report:** Sharon Swaney provided a Financial Summary of 2015. Plant and tuber sales revenue exceeded the costs of shows in 2015. Memorial Fund was used last year for scholarships. E-postcard was mailed/submitted. ADS Insurance and Midwest dues (\$35.00) were paid. Members present discussed the Botanical Gardens and the Garden Club of Ohio Affiliate memberships and agreed that the \$60.00 for Botanical and \$15.00 for the Garden Club should also be paid. At the March meeting the activity of decorating a Christmas tree at the Botanical Garden will be discussed, if DSO participated in this members could participate in a special Holiday event.

Discussion was held regarding Sharon's research and information gathering regarding the pursuit of a 501-C3 status for DSO. Jerry Moreno will be listed as

the agent and the address of record. Between the filing fee and the accountant services, the total expense will be @\$1,000.00. This status will enable DSO to accept contributions for Foundations.

5.3 **Membership Report:** Sharon Swaney reported that there are 75 people as members of DSO and 34 as ADS. Those members with outstanding dues will receive a reminder email from Sharon and a reminder will be placed in the March Digest. Also discussed adding information to the Digest such as, "what you should be doing in your garden today". To cover costs of printing the Digest also discussed possibility of adding advertisements to the Digest.

5.4 **1<sup>st</sup> V.P.:** Sarah Thompson has secured the use of Busch for DSO meeting in 2016 and most speakers have been arranged:

March: New intros

April: Tuber Sale

May: Plant Sale

June: Carnivorous Plants

October: Photo contest and digging/composting/organics

November: TBD (Mike checking with Miller Nature Center Rep.)

December: the Holiday Party will be held at Burntwood Tavern-Solon

5.5 **2<sup>nd</sup> V.P. and Show Chairman Report:** Dave Cap reviewed the Shows and Sales lists for 2016. These will be made available to the memberships via the Digest, Website and regular meetings. Discussion was held about pursuing new vases and Dave noted that he felt these were not necessary at this time. Request was made by Sharon to inquire if bio-degradable oasis could be purchased for use at shows. Dave and Mike Weber will investigate this via Cleveland Plant and Flower. Floral Design categories for the DSO Summit Mall show will be:

1. America the Beautiful: Formal Design
2. Red, White and Bloom: Informal Design
3. Support our Troops: Linear Design

Discussed sponsored entries for Court of Honor and Flower of the Year. Flower of the Year will be discussed in March with membership to possibly be any red or white BB size bloom.

5.6 **Recording Secretary:** Marilyn Weber will update the current Bylaws as those currently available are not reflective of dues changes made in 2015.

5.7 **Librarian:** Barb Hosta will send a list to Jerry Moreno regarding the materials currently available. "Dahlias of Today" will be ordered after taking orders at the March DSO meeting.

**5.8 Other Business:** Mike Weber discussed the need to obtain tubers to start at Willoway for plant propagation. Mike will send a blurb to Sharon to put out to members. Anticipated to start at Willoway by early March.

Meeting adjourned at 9:45pm.

Submitted by: Marilyn K. Weber