

MBS Board Meeting - March 22, 2011

Meeting was called to order at 7:00 PM

<p>Present:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">● Lionel Flood● Rich Ferber● Larry Oreschnick● Sue Krueger● Dale Krueger● Paul Sutton● Milo Mietzner● Mary Russell● Ken Ellis● Louise Nyquist● Glenda Jungquist● Lynn Aaze● Bud Hostetler	<p>Absent:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">● Melinda Hampton● Cheryl Sykora● Jim Etten
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Minutes: Minutes were reviewed by the board via e-mail in February, changes made and approved.

President's Report: Nothing to report.

Treasurer's Report:

- Reconciliation detail presented. More expenses than revenue but normal for this time.
- Will look into church rental availability and cost for 2012 auction.
- Discussion of sales tax issues.

1st Vice President Report:

- Fifty-one members attended the February repotting meeting. A sign-in sheet tracked attendees.
- **Chiara Padrini** April 3rd workshop and Suiseki Stone Meeting set to go and looks to be profitable.

2nd Vice President Report:

- **John Thompson** April 30-May 1 workshop topic was discussed (materials or grafting).
- A brief discussion on updating the \$10 Workshop Observers (adjust and collection of fee).

Committee Reports:

Bonsai Basics: 18 people attended, 11 workers, 7 helpers; 12 trees were repotted. Trees ordered from Brussels Bonsai were very nice and will be discounted with a MBS membership number. Styling trees will be next months' topic. Materials and nursery tours are also being set up.

Picnic/Tour: Inspecting park ground sites in northern suburbs, Roseville and Ramsey. Additional picnic site suggestions can be emailed to Dale.

Library: Books, videos and magazines were audited and numbered. Library assets to be checked out with registration cards and member credit card information. There will be a check off sheet and a return reminder card sent out before the next meeting. A cost list was created including shipping and handling for lost material replacement. Non-replaceable books are for reference only. Property insurance will be

investigated. Inquires were made for a secure storage cabinet at the church for library materials.

Outreach: Glenda and others will be at Gertens, Dundee, WestTonka and the Arboretum promoting MBS.

40th Anniversary: Pictures and glaze samples of Sara Rayner special order pots, order forms and raffle tickets will be ready for the April meeting. Ticket sales are encouraged. Special order deadline is October.

Website Newsletter: Plug-in module to manage membership, auto membership renewal through Pay Pal, a secure permission list and a visitor counter to be added.

Old Business:

Archives: Reprising valued old newsletter articles for web newsletter. Discussed compiling a book of newsletters for the library and anniversary.

Membership List: Rick and Lynn are working together for a smooth hand-off. Thank you Rick for years of service. 50-65 members were contacted for email addresses, only 4 people were without emails. Current membership is manually revised. A new membership packet was developed including a member card, name tag with vinyl holder and clip, and a revised membership manual. MBS members will receive similar name tags, some will have an "Ask Me About..." sticker. Motion to purchase holder and clips. New members names will be posted on website.

Shirts and Caps: Prices next meeting, increases expected. Sweatshirts, aprons and maybe tool wraps added. Custom logo stitching on own clothing available for \$8.

Kiosk: Project confirmed. Two options: 1) Three light-weight portable banners--featuring the topics "What is Bonsai, History, and Bonsai in Minnesota" -- incorporated into a single sturdy kiosk for major events. 2) The main portable banner used singly at outreach events.

A la Carte Soloist: MBS participation at the University Club's *A' la Carte Soloist* has been confirmed and a sign-up sheet will be at the next meeting. The event will be advertised in multiple publications and MPR. Sign-ups are needed for 30 trees and some exceptional suiseki.

New Business:

Donations for Japan: Contact the Red Cross or Salvation Army for donations.

Suiseki Diaza Carving: Bud Hostetler will have a continuous diaza hand carving demo during the meetings at the back of the room. He'll be available for Q&A while working on a stand. The diaza and stone will be donated to the club when finished for auction or raffle. Confirmation on expense.

Meeting was adjourned at 9:30 PM.

Respectfully submitted,
Louise Nyquist, Secretary