

JGS Spring Membership/Festival Meeting Minutes, Peru, 2008

ATTENDANCE: Dallas Lunsford, Loretta Pressel, Phil Moorhead, Ray Nixon, Guy Shutt, Jesse Glessner, Bill Freihofer, Pat Moore, Pat Bridwell, Helen J. Parker, Lee Parker, Joe Lee, Peg Sullivan, Steve Sullivan, Joyce Dankowski, Tom Benedict, Sherry Benedict, Ida Kennedy, Edward Minarik, Alice Pawlowski, Debbie Nixon, Renee Meyers, Robbie Hiduke, Blanche Murrin, Lois Shutt, Emily Dillard, Robert Dillard, Ron Pressel, Rich Rodriguez, Brenda Rodriguez, Karen Niemeyer and Sid Meyers.

The IGS Spring/Membership Meeting was held May 3, 2008 at the Miami Co. Fairgrounds. President, Sid Meyers opened the meeting at 2:40 pm.

There was no Secretary's report as the minutes were not available. Phil Moorhead, Treasurer, reported \$26,161.14 in the savings account and \$9,956.97 in the checking account for a total of \$36,118.11. The books balance with the bank statements. The report will be filed for audit.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Ways and Means Loretta Pressel reported that Ways and Means did very well at the State Show with sales of \$1,200.00. Today's receipts are \$112.75. We are out of some sizes and more shirts need to be ordered. Phil related that we now have the copyrights to the Jim Story tapes. We can now make DVD'S. It was mentioned that the date the program was taped needs to be noted somewhere on the VCR tapes and DVD'S. Phil is going to work with Don Kelder on acquiring the DVD's.

Publicity Renee Meyers says that she feels that the best way of communicating our IGS news of events is through, Newspapers, Posters and Word of Mouth. She is to get the radio tape interview, done for the State Show, for the Web site.

Web Master Phil stated that the Membership area is still open for use without a password. But, try using your password. You must have Adobe Reader to get the Tendril.

Show Chair Renee feels the State Show was a rousing success. Next year's show is scheduled for March 27, 28 and 29. We will be using the Jackson Street entrance, and the ticket booth sales will be handled differently. Attendances for the classes were double from last year. The Education material given out was up from last year. The evening dinner was well attended with 80 in attendance. Renee felt we had good coverage from the South Bend Tribune and the Elkhart Truth as well as the TV station.

It was felt by Renee and other members that, THE EXCITEMENT IS BACK. Renee felt doing numerous announcements helped keep the excitement going and that the wearing of the Red Vests helped as well. Renee has volunteered to chair the 2009 State Show with Alice Pawlowski as co-chair. They are taking ideas for next year's show theme.

Education Ray Nixon reported that he does not have the total from the State Show finalized yet. He noted that several new articles are being developed.

Fall Meeting Guy Shutt reported that the Fall Meeting is Nov. 8 at the Tippecanoe Fairgrounds in Lafayette.

State Fair Phil and Jesse asked for volunteers to help set-up on August 3 at 9:00 am. They also need help to man the booth and to do demonstrations. The Fair is August 6 -17, 2008. If you want to exhibit, the forms can be found on the Indiana State Fair web site. We are on alert that the State Fair will be expanding their time frame from 12 days to 17 days. 2009 dates are August 7 -23. MORE people will be needed to handle these extra days.

Seeds Jesse reported that \$1,000.00 was made at the State Show. Today, the receipts were \$114.00. Jesse pulled 1,300 packages of seeds from his inventory due to Steve Sullivan's germination studies. He may have to order more for the State Fair.

Membership Dallas Lunsford reported that at the State Show we welcomed 14 new members' and 30 renewals. Today we welcomed 1 new member and 1 renewal. As of May 3 we have 361 paid members.

Tendril Editor The next deadline for the Tendril is May 15.

Patch Leaders Renee reported that Patch 1 is having a Gourd Festival on May 24 at the LaPorte County Fairgrounds, in the rabbit building. Robbie Hiduke is in charge of the vendors and Sherry Benedict is in charge of the demonstrations. There will be an auction and food will be available. The times are 9:00 am to 3:00 pm CST.

Sid talked about Patches and their guidelines. We have three approved patches. One, Patch 1, in the top half of the state, one in Johnson Co. in the Delphi area and a new one in the Corydon area near Evansville.

Approval of budget The budget total for 2008/2009 is \$34,950.00. Projected income is \$40,190.00. Membership-\$500.00, State Show-\$22,500.00, State Fair-\$800