

INDIANA GOURD SOCIETY, INC.
Fall Membership/Festival Meeting
November 8, 2008 9:00 am – 3:00 pm
Tippecanoe County Fairgrounds, Lafayette, IN

ATTENDANCE: Phil Moorhead, Ruth Moorhead, Karen Niemeyer, Phyllis Kingen, Peg Sullivan, Marion Ellis, Ronald Pressel, Loretta Pressel, Jesse Glessner, Steve Sullivan, Pat Moore, Joe Lee, Helen J. Parker, Alice Pawloski, Robbie Hiduke, Blanch Murrin, Bill Freihofer, Carolyn Rushton, Emily J. Wallace, Dan Wallace, Carl Abner, Kevin Davis, Guy Shutt, and Joyce Dankowski.

The IGS Fall Membership/Festival Membership Meeting was held November 8, 2008 at the Tippecanoe County Fairgrounds, Lafayette, IN. Karen Niemeyer opened the meeting at 2:45 P.M., EST.

SECRETARY'S REPORT: Helen Parker made a motion that we suspend from reading the minutes of May 3, 2008 and approve them as published in the Tendril. Guy 2nd. Motion carried.

TREASURER'S REPORT: The bank balance as of 9-30-08 is \$39,341.26. There is \$33,318.99 in the money market account and \$6,022.37 in the checking account. The Indiana Business Entity Fee has been paid. The State and Federal Business Taxes have been filed. The treasurer's report will be filed for Audit.

MEMBERSHIP: Reported by Pat Moore. The IGS membership roll is current up to the first of Nov. Today we have two new memberships, seven renewals and six free memberships. The free memberships were the idea of the chairperson, Bill Freihofer. The 63 persons who signed up and did not win will receive an invitation letter from Pat.

STATE SHOW: The Indiana Gourd Society, Inc. 17th annual State Show is scheduled for March 27, 28 & 29, 2009 at the St. Joseph County Fairgrounds, 5177 S. Ironwood Road, South Bend, IN. The Show Books were handed out today. Those not picked up will be mailed. It has been determined that there will be heat in the building.

STATE FAIR: Phil Moorhead reminded us that the State Fair has been extended by five days. We have to be there three days before opening day, so the total time we are there is three weeks. Due to this extended schedule we are going to have three co-chairs. They are Phil Moorhead, Jesse Glessner and Loretta Pressel. Phil expressed the need for additional volunteers.

SPRING MEETING 2008: The Spring/Festival Membership Meeting is May 16 at the LaPorte County Fairgrounds, LaPorte, IN. Sid Meyers, 1st Vice-President is the chairperson of this event.

FALL 2008 MEETING: Karen thanked the 2nd Vice-President, Bill Freihofer, for doing a great job. Attendance was good. The auction brought in \$335.00. All the vendors, except one, reported brisk sales. Bill thanked everyone for their support.

WAYS AND MEANS: Loretta Pressel, chair, reported that we now have Jim Story DVD'S as well as tapes. The price for the DVD's and tapes are \$20.00. W&M's had a profit of \$907.43 at the State Fair. Today we had sales of \$184.00. Loretta will be ordering, in the spring, merchandise to fill out some of the missing sizes.

SEEDS: Jesse Glessner reported that he sold 104 packets of seeds today. The State Fair receipts were \$2,195.99. Jesse is going to redesign the seed box. It is too heavy. He is thinking about making two smaller boxes.

TENDRIL: Jesse reported that the past year has gone well. He would like to receive more articles, written by the members, or just review the old articles and rewrite them. The "Meet and Greet" articles, written by Ruth Moorhead, have been well received.

PURE SEEDS: Steve Sullivan explained how to extract seed. He will have a seed extraction day, in the near future. Those who grew for the Pure Seed Program brought their harvested gourds today.

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