

HIPS Board Meeting Minutes
September 28, 2017
9:00pm Eastern Daylight Time
Attendees: HIPS Board Members

I. Call to Order – President Cathy Egerer called the meeting to order and welcomed the new Board members.

II. Roll Call – Present: Cathy Egerer, Dave Prichard, Judy Keisling, Gary White, Nancy McDonald, Judy Schneider, Linda Baumgartner, Wendy Scott, Dorothy Stiefel, Janet Smith, Judy Eckhoff, Lori Lensch-Marcotte, Susan Flow, Laetitia Munro.

Absent: Madeline West, Douglass Paschall, Kate Brewitt, Delane Langton, Paul Gossett, Charlie Carver, Shaub Dunkley.

III. Additions/Changes to Agenda – none.

IV. Previous meeting minutes - the minutes from the May teleconference were approved via electronic vote and have been posted on the HIPS website.

V. Treasurer's Report – Judy Keisling presented a current financial report.

Current Assets: Bank Midwest Checking	\$4,772.26
Rondout Bank Checking	21,172.72
Rondout Bank Savings	7,129.78 (Life Membership reserve)
PayPal account	<u>15,204.37</u>
Total Assets:	\$48,279.13

VI. President's Report – President Egerer reported that the AIS convention was a great success. Almost all the HIPS promotional materials were taken, and the display of missing irises netted 5 responses. Bob Pindell of the Willott Memorial Iris Garden in Cleveland was the featured speaker and attendance at his presentation was full. The International Chair position on the Board is empty and an idea on how to bring international representation to the Board is in the works. The Board will continue working on updating job descriptions this fall.

VII. Old Business

A. Committee/Chair updates

1. Membership Update – Judy Eckhoff reported that we have 757 current members, including 132 that lapsed in August. We had 33 renewals and 2 new members in September. One more attempt will be made to get them to renew before the Fall ROOTS is published. HIPS has 94 Life members and we are attempting to verify that they are still active members.

2. PR Update – Cathy Egerer reported that public botanic gardens with historic iris collections will receive a packet from HIPS this fall inviting them to sign up for a complimentary one-year e-membership. The packet will include an issue of ROOTS and some membership and GG flyers.

VIII. New Business

- A. Rhizome Sale results– Rhizome Sale Chair Judy Schneider reported a gross income of \$18,936.56 and expenses of \$5,204.22, leaving us with a profit of \$13,732.34 for the 2017 Rhizome Sale. This is a slight increase over 2016, but the sale committee cautioned the board that next year's sale will likely be somewhat smaller. Shipping space is maxed out and some large gardens were cleaned out this year, so donations may be down a bit. The committee will meet to do pre-planning for the 2018 sale.
- B. Review of budget documents/approval of fall expenses – Due to unforeseen circumstances, the budget committee was not able to prepare an operating budget for 2017. They opted to present a current “snapshot” of HIPS' finances, along with an estimate of expenses for the rest of the year. Judy Keisling presented a profit and loss statement as of September 15, 2017. Accompanying

this was a projection of expenses to the end of 2017. Our current assets as of September 15 are \$48,533.00, and the projected expenses are \$6,750.00. Subtracting the projected expenses and the Life Membership reserve, our projected funds available at December 31, 2017 are \$34,653.22.

Dave Prichard moved to approve the proposed 2017 fall expenditures. Susan Flow seconded the motion. A roll call vote was conducted; motion passed.

IX. Other - President Egerer asked each of the committee chairs to post a short update on the Board listserve. This will keep the Board informed and help keep teleconferences as short as possible. Laetitia Munro asked for an update on the return of the balance of HIPS' archive materials. Cathy said she will contact Gesine Lohr and request their return, again. Janet Smith suggested that Dave Silverberg, AIS Librarian, might be able to assist.

X. Adjournment - The meeting was adjourned at 9:53pm EDT.