

# **IDGS April 12 board meeting**

President Alan Sweeney called the meeting to order at 9:40 a.m. Board members Steve Kiser, Christy Pletcher and Chris Peters were unable to attend. Alan welcomed Dee Smart, who stepped up to fill the vacant vice president's seat.

Prior to the formal meeting, Dee provided information regarding the possible use of the JUMP Center for future IDGS activities including meetings, classes, and the annual gourd festival. There is no fee to use the facility if the events are open to all the community, not just gourd society members.

Guest speaker was Carol Joyce who delved into the restrictions and state tax rules regarding nonprofit organizations. In doing so she found the IDGS articles of incorporations and administrative rules governing the club and gave the printed information to Corlis Kent, treasurer. The question was raised about taxing us on the Wheel of Goodies. Director Ken Gordy moved that no matter how much is raised, only five gift cards would be purchased to give to the members. The rest would go into the general fund to be used as needed. Corlis seconded and it passed.

As of now, no one has volunteered to represent IDGS at the Idaho Artistry in Wood meetings. No report yet on how much the gourd society will receive from the April IAW show at JUMP, but Corlis noted IAW values our involvement because we bring people into the show. We will receive a fifth of what was raised through admissions, the raffle and auction items. There were 69 gourds in the IAW gourd show. Dee suggested a small committee to represent IDGS at IAW meetings and show planning. Alan will address this at the May 13 spring general membership meeting.

Christy and Corlis are coordinating plans for the gourd retreat in August. Reservations are secured. It will not be an official IDGS activity so planning, registration and implementation will be managed separately.

The board voted to NOT share membership information with the American Gourd Society.

Ken is continuing to research general liability insurance for IDGS. It was decided to look at yearly policies rather than policies for individual events and activities. Ken is waiting to hear from an agency in Caldwell.

The board approved reimbursing Corlis \$35 for the case of printer paper she bought and for the printer ink she will purchase.

Corlis gave everyone a printout of the budget report. Discussion was tabled until the May BOD meeting.

Liz gave details of Bonnie Gibson's classes offered and is taking sign ups for the two classes Bonnie is offering at Liz' studio in Nampa.

The board voted to incorporate the club's 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebration with the June picnic.

It was unanimously decided that the gourds recently donated to the club will be sold at the gourd store during the 2023 festival at Franz Witte. It was also decided that nonmembers wishing to sell gourds, tools, etc., can either join IDGS and sell them at the picnic or become a festival vendor and sell them there.

The 2023 IDGS festival is just five months away. At the May board meeting the festival handbook, make and take plans, insurance and budget will be discussed.

Corlis will not be at the festival this year because she will be attending her class reunion. She has recruited Sandy Koch and Janet Melligh to coordinate registration and funds.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:58 a.m.

Minutes prepared by Secretary Karen Hibdon.