

IDGS Nov. 8, 2023 board meeting

The board meeting was called to order by President Alan Sweeney at 9:30 a.m., with all board members present except director Steve Kiser. It was great to have Treasurer Corlis Kent back after these long weeks.

1. First on the agenda was Corlis' report on the club's bank reconciliation statements from September and October, as well as a comprehensive report on the costs and proceeds of the Sept. 22-23 Idaho Gourd Festival. The final statement shows IDGS has \$12,424.50 in the bank. Vice President Dee Smart moved to accept the treasurer's report. Director Christy Pletcher seconded and all accepted the report as presented.
2. Corlis bought stamps for Pam Froom to send thank you notes to those who donated items for the festival silent auction. The remainder of the stamps went to Secretary Karen Hibdon to use on future club correspondence.
3. An audit needs to be done next year and Carol Joy has volunteered to chair the project in early January. Chris Peters and Ron Swank volunteered to assist.
4. Elections for three seats on the board of directors will take place at the Saturday, Nov. 11 fall general meeting. Only one person per office has stepped up to the plate, according to Bill Tarlton who headed up the search. Because the seats are uncontested, ballots will not be passed out at the meeting – a yay or nay vote will suffice. Nominees are Robi Hathorn for vice president, Janet Melligh for treasurer and Radenne English for director. A quorum of 20 is needed for the election.
5. It looks like the IDGS involvement with the Idaho Artistry in Wood venture for next spring is a go. Thanks to Leanna Saenz and Wanda Walker who have agreed to be the club representatives at the meetings in preparation for the annual IAW show. A representative from IAW will be at the Nov. 11 meeting to discuss what IAW is and possibly discuss the rise in admission, entry fees and cost for vendors. Chris has volunteered to do the prospectus for IDGS' involvement in the show and Corlis and Sandy Kock have volunteered to do the registration for gourd entries.
6. There was much discussion on where to have the Dec. 9 Christmas party. The University of Idaho meeting room is too small since we now have 171 members. Whether to go with Idaho Pizza Company or the Eagles Lodge in Boise were the two choices. The board voted for the Eagles Lodge and Corlis was to put a deposit on the hall which we would have from 10:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. The club will provide chicken, beverages, and paper goods for the potluck. A 30-second rule was voted on for the party's gift exchange so the event doesn't linger on and on with so many people participating. Ron will be the timekeeper.
7. Liz Meyer will bring the gourd calendars to the meeting for those who ordered them in advance. She will have a few extras that folks can buy on Saturday.
8. Christy and Raedene put out the call for small bottle gourds for a class they will present at the Wood Craft patch.
9. Alan adjourned the meeting at 11 a.m.