

SPHS General Meeting Minutes

October 3, 2023

Time: 7:00 to 9:00 PM (doors open at 6:30) **Location:** Kinsmen Room, Stony Plain & Parkland Pioneer Museum

Reminder: Gates to the Museum will be locked after the icebreaker activity (approximately 7:20 pm)

Time	Item	Action
7:00	1. Meeting called to order by Jo-Anne Maw @ 7:07	
	2. Welcome members and guests	
7:10	3. Icebreaker (15-20 min): Seed Swap: members brought seeds to share and discussed how to harvest and save seeds. There will be a future session on saving seeds and learning more about growing these plants.	
7:25	4. Order of Business	
	4.1 Errors or Omissions of September 15, 2023 minutes (Michele Stanley) https://www.sphsociety.ca/new-page-1	approved
	4.2 New Business 4.2.1 All About Soil fall workshop postponed - unfortunately there was low registration so the workshop is postponed until the early spring. Members who registered and paid will receive a refund. 4.2.2 Volunteer Appreciation basket draw will be happening at the November meeting. This basket is an appreciation for all the volunteers who have dedicated time to support SPHS events. 4.2.3 Christmas Workshop is scheduled for Dec 2nd and there will be morning and afternoon sessions. The project will be a patio Christmas Tree made from a tomato cage. Save the date and let friends and family know., advertising will be circulated in November	
7:35	5. Committee Updates	

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	<p>5.1 Vice President (Kathryn Frechette) 5.1.1 No report</p>	
	<p>5.2 Treasurer (Kathy Loughlin) 5.2.1 Bank balance: CIBC chequing balance is \$233.26; ATB chequing balance is \$5924.99. 5.2.2 GICs: CIBC \$3912.35; ATB \$4500</p>	
	<p>5.3 Recording Secretary (Michele Stanley) 5.3.1 No report</p>	
	<p>5.4 Fundraiser Coordinator (Kathy Loughlin) 5.4.1 We anticipate the Prairie Gardener books will be available for order soon. Jo-Anne will circulate information</p>	
	<p>5.5 Membership (Penny Fedoruk-Brettelle) 5.5.1 Membership card stickers were distributed to members in attendance 5.5.2 Renewal due by Sept 30, 2023. Fee increased to \$20.00</p>	
	<p>5.6 Social Media (Dana Paterson) 5.6.1 No report 5.6.2</p>	
	<p>5.7 Promotions (Femia Streefkert & Katherine Chomyn) 5.7.1 Christmas event - advertising cards will be available for the December event. 5.7.2 November social meeting will focus on a variety of topics to learn from each other, SPHS will provide coffee/tea and snacks. Bring a friend or family to join in the discussion, and feel free to share stories or ask gardening questions. 5.7.3 Club promotion postcards were distributed to members in attendance to hand out to friends and family.</p>	
	<p>5.8 Community Gardens: Pioneer Museum (Holly Thompson) 5.8.1 Planning for a native plant garden around the shed. Femia is a member of the native alberta plant society and discussed some of the features available on the website. 5.8.2 83 volunteer hours have been tallied for the Pioneer Museum. Fall clean-up still needs to be</p>	

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	5.8.3 A donation of tools will be	
7:45	6. Question & Answer Period or Move & Mingle Members discussed a variety of topics such as how to over-winter plants, and gardening challenges such as lily beetles.	
8:00	7. Guest Speaker: Michele Stanley discussed her experience with vermiculture. Michele purchased a bucket from Tickled Green Farms (Parkland County) in February 2023 and has been feeding the worm vegetable & fruits scraps and harvesting castings.	
	8. Next meeting: November 7, 2023 at 7:00 pm	
9:00	9. Meeting Adjournment @ 9:00	