

## SPHS General Meeting AGENDA

November 7, 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	<b>1. Meeting called to order by Kathryn Frechette @ 7:00</b>	
	<b>2. Welcome</b> members, new members and guests	
7:10	<b>3. Icebreaker (15-20 min):</b> Care of houseplants during the winter months (Dana) Succulents that are outside in the summer can be brought inside. Avoid repotting in the fall. As the daylight shortens, plants naturally go dormant. During that time the plant strengthens their roots and structures to prepare for spring. Water less but avoid fertilizing, especially in January & February. Exception: Christmas cactus need fertilizing about a month before Christmas to prepare flowers. Humidity is critical for houseplants (30-60% ideal) so use a stand-alone humidifier near plants, a spritz bottle or a continuously running water feature. Continue to check for insects! Avoid drafty places such as near vents; direct airflow toward the floor so the air rises gently. A plant called Butterwort is attractive to fungus gnats!	
7:25	<b>4. Order of Business</b>	
	<b>4.1 Errors or Omissions of</b> October 3, 2023 minutes (Michele Stanley) <a href="https://www.sphsociety.ca/new-page-1">https://www.sphsociety.ca/new-page-1</a>	<b>approved</b>
	<b>4.2 New Business</b> 4.2.1 Holly Thompson entered all volunteer names into a draw for a Volunteer Appreciation basket. Dana won the draw! 82+ volunteer hours were donated to the Pioneer Museum this year. 4.2.2 February Annual General Meeting to be held via Zoom as well as March general meeting via zoom, this allows members to stay cozy at home, plus we can access speakers from different areas of the country. 4.2.3 Secretary and Treasurer positions are up for voting in February. Kathy explained the	

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	<p>role of treasurer, which takes approximately 5 hours a month, slightly more so in November for budget. If you can balance a checkbook you can do this role! The secretary role consists of creating agendas and taking minutes that reflect the discussions of the meetings. The secretary attends meetings and ensures documents are filed in Google Drive. Time commitment is approximately 2 hours/month.</p> <p>4.2.4 We will be donating a wreath for the Legion Poppy Memorial this Christmas</p> <p>4.2.5 The Master Gardeners Association of Alberta is having their fall Symposium on November 25th 2023. Social media platforms (FB, Instagram, website) will have details.</p> <p>4.2.6 The Sangudo Horticultural Society will be hosting its Gardener’s Day workshop on Saturday, January 28, 2024. Registration is \$35 (lunch included).  <a href="https://edmontonhort.com/event/sangudo-horticultural-club-gardeners-day/">https://edmontonhort.com/event/sangudo-horticultural-club-gardeners-day/</a></p>	
7:35	<b>5. Committee Updates</b>	
	<p><b>5.1 Vice President</b> (Kathryn Frechette)</p> <p>5.1.1 No update</p>	
	<p><b>5.2 Treasurer</b> (Kathy Loughlin)</p> <p>5.2.1 Bank balance: CIBC chequing balance is \$225.26 ; ATB chequing balance is \$5794.76</p> <p>5.2.2 GICs: CIBC \$3912.35 \$; ATB \$4500.</p> <p>5.2.3 One more volunteer needed to review financials - this involves reviewing a sample of transactions and deposits and reviewing the financial statement. It usually takes a couple of hours and can be done together with another person or separately.</p> <p>5.2.4 Budget for 2023-2034 will be circulated by email for members to review mid December</p>	Dana volunteered to review the financial statements
	<p><b>5.3 Recording Secretary</b> (Michele Stanley)</p> <p>5.3.1 No Up</p>	
	<p><b>5.4 Fundraising Coordinator</b> (Kathy Loughlin)</p> <p>5.4.1 2024 Prairie Garden Books - order due by Mon. Nov. 27th. Cost \$15 (Regular price is \$19). Can pay by cash, cheque or e transfer. Expected to print by Christmas (but no guarantee). The book is about year-round gardening. See more:  <a href="https://www.theprairiegarden.ca/">https://www.theprairiegarden.ca/</a></p>	

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	<p><b>5.5 Membership</b> (Penny Fedoruk-Brettelle)</p> <p>5.5.1 Penny handed out member name tags at the door so members could learn each other's names</p> <p>5.5.2 Penny handed out Membership card stickers for 2024</p>	
	<p><b>5.6 Social Media</b> (Dana Paterson)</p> <p>5.6.1 Facebook SPHS Group page: <a href="https://www.facebook.com/groups/2593463077494083">https://www.facebook.com/groups/2593463077494083</a></p> <p>5.6.2</p>	
	<p><b>5.7 Promotions</b> (Katherine Chomyn)</p> <p>5.7.1 Christmas workshop to be held on Sunday December 3rd 2x sessions</p> <p>5.7.2 Electric frying pans are needed for the Christmas event (to melt glue). Email <a href="mailto:sphortsociety@gmail.com">sphortsociety@gmail.com</a> if you have one to donate!</p> <p>5.7.3</p>	
	<p><b>5.8 Community Gardens: Pioneer Museum</b> (Holly Thompson)</p> <p>5.8.1 Planning for plants around shed</p> <p>5.8.2 Discussion on plans for otherMuseum beds will happen in the new year</p>	
7:45	<p><b>6.</b> No guest speaker tonight but instead we are having a social get together! A good time to meet your fellow Hort members and to share ideas, have questions answered and have a beverage and candy! (Katherine Chomyn &amp; Kathryn Frechette)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Show and Tell - Kathryn passed around a loofah she had grown and provided some information and growing tips.</li> <li>● Members had fun with some garden trivia and general discussion on gardening in general.</li> </ul>	
	<p><b>8. Next meeting:</b> Annual General Meeting Feb 6, 2024 at 7:00 pm via Zoom</p>	
9:00	<p><b>9. Meeting Adjournment @ 9:00 pm</b></p>	