

MONDAY, MARCH 9<sup>th</sup>, 2009

## MARCH MEETING

Program: "Landscape Lighting: An Opportunity for the Landscape Professional"  
Presentation by Rob Clouser, MPR Supply Company, Inc.

Pietro's Restaurant  
St. Louis, MO

### BUSINESS MEETING MINUTES

- 1) Meeting called to order at 8:22 P.M. Roll call (via attendance sign-in sheet)  
(Sandi Hillermann-McDonald)
- 2) Welcome/Opening Comments (Sandi Hillermann-McDonald)
- 3) Membership voted to suspend the "Robert's Rules of Order" requirement for this meeting. (Sandi Hillermann-McDonald)
- 4) Membership voted to waive the "Order of Business" outlined in Bylaws. (Sandi Hillermann-McDonald)
- 5) Letter read from John Masek regarding his current condition. (Sandi Hillermann-McDonald)
- 5) **Secretary Report (Lance Dauw)**
  - a. There were no comments reported by the membership regarding the minutes from the February meeting. Members can visit the website for the minutes from the previous meeting.
  - b. First Reading of application for membership (application available upon request):
    1. Associate: **Jeff Boren** (Dec. '08 Missouri Graduate in Plant Science), St. Louis, MO
  - b. Second Readings of applications for membership (applications available upon request):
    1. Active: **A Home Landscaping Company** (Landscape Designer/Construction/Care Service), Collinsville, IL (David Wilde)
    2. Active: **Nature's Re-Creations, LLC** (Landscape Designer/Construction Service, Water Garden Installer), Imperial, MO (Chris Siewing)
    3. Active: **Quiet Village Landscaping Company** (Landscape Construction/Care Service, Turfgrass Care Professional), Creve Coeur, MO (Dennis Evans)
    4. Active: **For the Garden By Haefner's** (Retail Garden Center/Landscape Design Service/Wholesale Production Greenhouse), St. Louis, MO (Greg Haefner)
  - c. Membership voted to accept 2<sup>nd</sup> Reading Applicants as members.
- 6) **Treasurer Report (Bill Ruppert)**
  - a. Current Budget and Financial Status Summaries are available on the website.
  - b. First installment for the redevelopment of the website was made to Clarity Connect.
- 7) **Program Committee (Craig Pisarkiewicz)** - No Report
- 8) **Finance and Audit Committee (Sandi Hillermann-McDonald)** - No Report
- 9) **Membership Committee (Craig Pisarkiewicz)** - No Report
- 10) **Scholarship and Education Committee (Jamie Granger)** - No Report

**11) Public Relations and Marketing Committee (Bill Ruppert)**

- a. Current website will be updated with current association name and logo.
- b. An overview of the new website's proposed home page was made available. Changes to the website will occur over the summer.
- c. The new website will be promoting The Gateway Gardener Magazine. As part of a trade-off, Bill proposed several ideas to have our association promoted through The Gateway Gardener Magazine.
- d. There was a question of whether it was necessary or desired to trademark or copyright our new logo.

**12) Community Enhancement Committee (Jennifer Loyet-Schamber)**

- a. Jennifer is collecting the community connections surveys that she passed out at the last meeting.

**13) History Committee (Bill Ruppert/Robert Weaver)**

- a. Historical information concerning the Association is always requested.

**14) Horticulture Co-op Representation Report**

- a. The annual holiday gathering will be held at The Jewel Box in Forest Park. The tentative date is Dec. 7<sup>th</sup>.
- b. The Spring 2009 St. Louis Garden Symposium was a success.

**18) New Business – None.**

**19) Industry Events**

- a. **2009 Missouri Community Forestry Council Annual Conference**, March 17<sup>th</sup>-19<sup>th</sup>, 2009, Courtyard Marriott Hotel, Columbia, MO
- b. **"Greener Storm-Water Solutions: An overview of new MSD requirements and design approaches that help meet them"** Native Plant School Professional Landscaping Series, March 17<sup>th</sup> or 19<sup>th</sup>; Alberici Headquarters, St. Louis, MO

**20) Next Meeting/Program**

Monday, June 8<sup>th</sup> – ANNUAL FAMILY PICNIC - Program will be on Rainwater Harvesting and Water Gardening, presented by Chris Siewing of Nature's Re-Creations  
Location: Home of Chris and Tara Siewing, South St. Louis County

**21) Meeting Adjourned at 8:36 P.M.**