

## Long Island Master Gardeners Board Meeting Minutes

Time: November 20, 2024

Present: Judy Callaway, George Costa, Tania Entwistle, Lorraine Leacock, Mary Winn-Ball

1. The November 20 meeting at Bayport-Bluepoint Library went well. Thanks to George Costa and Tony LaScala for bringing plantings from their gardens and for discussing how to manage fall gardens! Thanks also to Karin Falcone who talked about winter seed sowing. Members then got involved in her hands-on table of materials to make their own jugs with many seed choices. A raffle was not held but members were able to take home samples of George's and Tony's irises, elephant ears, a butterfly bush, bromeliads, etc. (\$7.00 in donations was received.)
2. The December 11 potluck meeting announcement will include a button for members to respond to **Tania** about their food contributions. **Kathy Van Dyke** has graciously offered to handle online communication while Pete Herron is recovering. The use of game winners will replace raffles and winners will receive plant prizes. **Judy** will handle Left Center Right using poker chips. Giant Jenga will be reserved from Bayport-Bluepoint Library by **Tania** and Bingo will be played during lunch.
3. The location of our meetings has been a problem. The Holtsville Ecology Center has not been responsive to our requests. Lorraine applied online for January, February, March, and April meetings on 11/13/24, but has not received a response yet. George said that he would try to make a contact about facilitating the application. Betty Barran said that the Medford Library could be a good place to meet. Tania said that she would call. Judy said that the Wertheim National Wildlife Refuge also has a meeting room and that she will look into it.
4. Sharon Ott has been on the board as program director but has had difficulty attending meetings. The board has realized that in accordance with the by-laws another director should be appointed and is considering options for that. **Tania** will call Val Doyle to see if she is interested in joining the board. Ralph Scerbo was also proposed as a prospective board member.
5. The problem of declining membership was discussed. George suggested finding out whether we could put a table at the Spring MG plant sale for recruitment. **Tania** will call Roxanne Zimmer to inquire about this and check our Ecocenter locker for fliers that we can display in libraries.