Dahlia Folk,

 I am looking forward to the March 20th meeting as we will be talking about what we need to be doing in our garden right now and then a discussion on dahlia seeds, Dahlia seeds are like a box of chocolate. You know you will grow a dahlia but you never know what it will look like until it blooms. Also, we will try to get some structure on how we can let other members know what dahlias they are looking for and who might have them.

 Remember the American Dahlia Society Spring workshop April 20-22nd at the Sonesta Silicon Valley Hotel. The address is 1820 Barber Lane, Milpitas, CA. 95035. This is a free event but if you want to eat, bring money. The topics you will be most interested in will be the dahlia virus research and the genome research project which will be discussed on Saturday. When I get an official agenda, I will send it out.

 We have scheduled our tuber sale for April 28th at Root Park next to the City Hall in San Leandro. Waiting for confirmation from the Parks and Rec. department. Please have your donated tubers or plants labeled so that the public will know what they are buying. This sale will be after our next meeting so you will hear more then.

 We are still looking for someone to step up and take over the editing of the newsletter. Barry did such a good job and I know you don’t want this colorless print out each month.

 Having not received or more probably I lost the list of people bring refreshments to the meetings, I sent around another list and only Beverly signed up to bring something. If you feel inclined, you might bring something to help our culinary needs.

 See you at the meeting, Pres. John

02/20/18 7pm

SLDS. Minutes

San Leandro Library

Present. 12

Presiding John Morton

Introduction of members present with status of their dahlias

New member Kevin from SL area. Became aware of our club from our summer show.

Update from Beverly on Curtis Maxwell - Has been transferred to a rehab facility in Walnut Creek area. Still no definite diagnosis but shingles has been mentioned in past. Rehab especially for leg weakness

New Business

    Need for person to replace Barry for monthly news report.

Yearly Dahlia Conference this past 02/17/18 -25 present from 4 societies. Handouts giving information on status of each. Review included Kevin Larkin speech on good insects. He gave handouts for suggestions on how to protect our dahlias from various insects including thrips..

Motion made by Maren to increase previous suggested donation to Church of Christ for use of their conference room from 100.00 to 150.00. After discussion it was seconded and passed.

JoAnna suggested we consider raffle in future for added interest that involved winning a tuber. This winner then asked to bring in 3 tubers the following year.  We can contact Iris from Monterey society for more information on how they do their programs .

Beverly brought in a 60 x range viewer that can also take pictures. Kevin Larkin had suggested use of one to check the leaf for suspected inspects. His had less power plus inability to take photo.

Saturdays raffle bought in $445.00

Chris proceeded with show and tell on cuttings from tubers. Demonstrated best method to cut, moisten tip and sprinkle root powder before careful placement in rooting box. This box has water in base that will moisten foam pieces. Very small opening made to hold plant for approximately 6 weeks til root established and can then be transferred to 4 inch pots. Keep box in area that will not be exposed to cold plus enough light for multi hours per day -perhaps 4 hour periods.

No birthdays for this month.  Clip board passed at start of meeting to get signups for monthly refreshments for remainder of year

Adjourned 8:30

Maren Giannini  - Secretary