

Master Gardeners Board Meeting

February 3, 2015

The meeting was called to order at 6:00pm.

Present were: Mary Shepard, Co -President, Linda Petek, Co-President, Betty Hoytink, Co-Vice President, Eric Kropp, Co-Vice President, Sue Egner, Treasurer, Kathy Schultz, Secretary, Stanley Meyer, Valerie Stabenow, Pat Behm, Dara Sitter, and Kimberly Miller, UWEX Advisor.

Excused: Donna Kudlas, Peggy Wagner

Guests:

Treasurer's Report:

Report for January was submitted and approved.

Secretary's Report:

Minutes were accepted. The minutes are current on the website and can be found there.

New Business:

1. **Google Plus:** Kim presented the Google plus site that is being tested for a potential secure area for Members only. The advantages are that it is easy to regulate and control who has access. Testing needs to continue so ease of use can be evaluated. Kim wants all board members to get a Google account (can use own email address), and go into the website and find where the SOP for Winnebago County Master Gardeners is located. **Assignment:** Please let Kim know you found it or if you had difficulty with any of the process.
2. **Website:** Jean Reed continues to maintain the Master Gardener website, but content and changes to the website should come from the board.
3. **Projects:** Project applications that were approved:
 - a. Small Group - Omro Vets Memorial – planting and maintaining – Lori Berndt
 - b. Small Group -Garlic Mustard Eradication near Conservancy at Cowling Bay – Judy Lucas
 - c. Long Term – Carter Memorial Library Omro – Pat Behm and Linda Petek
 - d. Long Term – Neenah Parks Shattuck (from Small group to Long term)
 - e. Long Term Neenah Public Library (from Small group to Long Term)
 - f. Long term -Home and Garden Show Booth Cindy Meszaros and Joni Pagel. Project was renamed to Home and Garden Show (previously was Tri-County) Location this year will be at the Winnebago Home and Garden Show.

Community Gardens projects needs to be evaluated for what is needed. It is a very large project, and also need to reach out to the University and Goodwill to determine their interest and involvement in this project.

For the project Lead meeting on February 17th, an email will be sent to current participants and also to general membership to see if anyone else might be interested to attend.

4. **WIMGA update:** currently working on two upcoming conferences.
5. **Extension Update:** Kim reported interviews are in progress for the current open positions in the Extension office. Kim also noted that the office is getting new furniture, so some of the conference rooms will be getting newer tables and chairs as well.
6. **Education Committee:** WE/SD conference – at least 144 have signed up and counting. There is a good sign up for the bus trip for the Garden Expo. The committee is looking for Gardens to tour, bus trip ideas. The Chicago Botanicals is one possibility.
7. **New Member Orientation/Mentoring:** we will invite Virginia Slattery to the March Meeting to update on this program.
8. **2015 Budget:** The 2015 budget was presented. A move was brought forward and accepted to adopt the budget as presented.
9. **Meeting Speakers:**
 - February* – Sheila Glaske from the Paine Winnebago Home and Garden Booth – Cindy Meszaros and Joni Pagel
 - Carter Memorial Gardens - Pat Behm and Linda Petek
 - March* – Darrell McCauley, Ag Agent – Straw Bale Gardening
 - April* – Shoreline Restoration project
 - May* - Linda Werner – Keukenhof Botanical Gardens, Amsterdam, Netherlands
 - June* – Picnic!

Upcoming Events:

Board Meeting February 3

Winter Escapes/Summer Dreams February 7

Business Meeting February 10

Bus Trip to Madison Expo February 14

Respectfully submitted,

Kathy Schultz, Secretary