

Winnebago County Master Gardener Association
Board Meeting Minutes
March 1, 2016

1. Treasurers report for February was presented by Joni Pagel and approved by the board.
2. Secretary's report: The board minutes for January are on the WCMG website.
3. 2016 Budget: Joni presented the proposed budget for 2016. The line for certified training need to be clarified and gift cards for member garden walks needs to be researched and budgeted if necessary.
4. Project Updates: The following projects have completed all paperwork and a motion was passed to approve for 2016: Oshkosh Farmers Market, Education and control Invasive species, Park View Cutting garden, Plant Health Advisors, Lutheran Homes of Oshkosh, Oshkosh Area Humane Society, Paine Gardens, Home and Outdoor Living show, Winchester Historical Society, Omro Veteran Memorial, Growing Oshkosh. There was also discussion regarding the forms and timelines needing to be easier and clearer.
5. Speakers Bureau: We have several members on the speakers list for various topics, and Kimberly has used this to fill a request. We will continue to promote this through the newsletter.
6. Menominee Park Zoo update: Judy Ohlsson and Marge Menacher attended the board meeting to help the board understand the project scope and what Judy has done. We will need to reach out to Chad Dallman with the Oshkosh Parks Department to find out what they envision the project to be. Kathy will contact Chad and send the volunteer request for out to him if he is interested.
7. Extension update: Kimberly provided an update on the restructuring at the county. Kim indicated we will become a four county (Winnebago, Outagamie, Calumet and Waupaca) area in the future.
8. Liability insurance update: Linda Petek contacted our risk carrier and clarified that we are covered for anyone on the bus trips or events that are registered. We will need to have a sign in sheet for events such as garden walks, and will need to alert the homeowner that their homeowners could be liable for any incident during the event.
9. Sunshine Committee: Linda will connect with Renee to talk about promoting what the Sunshine committee does for illness and other events.
10. Credit card / check signers: Joni will hold the organization credit card and she and Bette are authorized to sign checks.
11. Home and Garden Show update: Joni reported that the attendance was low and their location poor for this year's show, but they will try again next year to see if suggested improvements will help.
12. 4 Imprint grant: Joni indicated that the Farmers Market project will receive 250 biodegradable bags for the youth planting day and the balance of the grant will provide pens for the WCMGA.
13. Speaker for March: Donna Kudlas reported that Brian Pribbernow will present at the member meeting on container gardening and arranging.

14. Financial Aid form for Level 1: Kimberly presented the finalized form and a motion was passed that she will handle this as requests come in to maintain confidentiality.
15. List of Events/Activities: Kimberly needs to report annually to the county on any activities, meetings for the organization, and is asking to be alerted for any trips, meetings or events that the organization does.
16. 2016 Goals: Three goals for the organization have been approved: Increase youth education opportunities, Invasive species, Incorporate pollinators into projects.
17. Worm Casting: Discussion on whether this should be a project or a committee. Discussion revealed it does not fit the criteria for a project but possibly a committee. We will bring forward for next month.
18. Jones Park Proposal: Petey Clark will be completing project paperwork on the Jones park area in the town of Algoma.
19. WESD 2017: The 2017 seminar date had to be changed to February 18, 2017.
20. Picnic 2016 date has been set for June 14th at Park View.
21. This is the WCMGA's 25th anniversary. We will discuss future planning to celebrate.