

Master Gardeners Board Meeting

May 5, 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, Donna Kudlas, Stanley Meyer, Pat Behm,, Val Stabenow, Jane Kuhn Ivan Placko and Kimberly Miller, UWEX Advisor

Treasurer's Report:

Report for April was submitted and approved.

Secretary's Report:

April Minutes were accepted. The minutes are current on the website and can be found under the Members Area.

New Business:

1. **Credit Card.** A credit card for the Master Gardener organization has been obtained. Permitted users are the President and the Treasurer.
2. **Picnic:** Donna reported that plans are in place for the June 9th picnic at Parkview. LaSure's will provide three meat choices, and members attending are asked to bring a dish to pass. It was suggested that the plant exchange occur later in the growing season, July or August.
3. **Website:** Eric reviewed the MG website, and several suggestions were made for areas that should be updated. Mary will connect with Jean regarding the updates.
4. **Projects:** May presentations at the business meeting Sally Lindo – Parkview, Mary Rebman and Sandy Mathison – Winchester Historical Society, Sue Bohn – County Fair, Jo Helf – Lincoln garden, Mary Jo Maher – Neenah Library/Neenah Park, Jane Kuhn – Lutheran Homes.

The majority of projects for this year have been board approved, but Eric and Betty are still waiting for some paperwork from two groups before making final approval.

Menasha Community Gardens – Mary has not received any volunteers to take over the Community Garden project. She will ask one more time at the May business meeting, and if we do not have a leader, we will turn the project back over to UW Fox Valley and Goodwill.

5. **Extension Update:** MG vests orders are due June 1. Custodial staff at the Extension building are now only available on day shift. This means that if anyone is the last out of the building, it is their responsibility to turn off all lights.

Kim suggested a future field trip to Hancock, WI to view UW system's state of the art potato storage facility.

Ashley is putting together directions on how to access/use Google apps. It was suggested that one project or committee start to use it to trial the ease of use and applicability for a secure communication tool. Mary will ask education committee to trial this.

6. **Education Committee:** Planning for the February seminar is well under way, as the committee has secured some speakers and is working with others to secure topics and times.
The two summer bus trips are planned, and the Chicago trip has been publicized through Lawanda's column. Registrations are low at this point, but anticipation is that it will fill.
7. **MG Clothing order:** A list of Master Gardener logo apparel was presented to the board. This was approved and the order information will be presented through an email to members and at the May meeting.
8. **Garden Tours:** Val's iris garden tour will be announced when the gardens are close to their prime bloom. It is hard to determine an exact date at this time, but it will likely be an evening during the last two weeks of June, from 5 to 7:30.
9. **Meeting Speaker** May - Kueckenhof Gardens – Amsterdam Linda Werner
10. **New Business:**
 - Worm Castings project: We will need to obtain a new lead for this project.
 - Scholarships: Sue will check with Marge Menacher on the status of this.

Upcoming Events:

Business Meeting May 12th
June Picnic June 9th at Parkview
Chicago Bus Trip June 13-14
No July Board meeting
August 4 Board meeting 6pm

Meeting adjourned 7:20pm

Respectfully submitted,

Kathy Schultz, Secretary