

Master Gardener Board Meeting

Date: June 2, 2015

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, Jane Kuhn, Mary Jo Maher, Stanley Meyer, Ivan Placko, Peg Wagner, and Kimberly Miller, UWEX Advisor.

Excused: Donna Kudlas, Pat Behm, Dara Sitter

Treasurers Report:

The May treasurer report was submitted and approved.

Secretary Report:

The May minutes were accepted and are available on the website.

New Business:

1. *Credit Card Status:* One card has been secured in Sue Egner's name, and Sue will follow up with the bank to get the second card issued to Mary.
2. *Picnic:* Approximately 75 people have signed up to attend the June 9th picnic. Planning is near completion. Linda Petek will be getting the door prizes.
3. *Website:* no updates at this time.
4. *Projects:* There are no projects for approval.
No one has come forward to take over the Community Garden project, so the Master Gardener organization will need to exit the project. Mary and Kim will connect with UW Menasha and Goodwill to inform them.
5. *Extension update:* Kim said the 4-H position interviews are beginning, and once that position is filled, the office will be fully staffed.

The Dairy Breakfast will be on June 13th in Winneconne. All are welcome.

There will be two fall workshops: September 15th Mark Rens will be presenting Invasive Species in the urban forest area. There will be five Buckthorn control method areas on the old road through Parkview that will be available for touring as part of this workshop. Along with the invasive species ID, there will also be a sprayer calibration presentation. The DNR will also be presenting information on the invasive jump worm.

October 14th will be a tree pruning workshop.

Brian Huddleson from Madison is willing to come to Oshkosh to do a Disease ID workshop this summer. The four hour workshop would be hands on to learn about diseases in various plants, as samples will be presented. Kim will gauge interest and potentially offer to other Master Gardener groups. The \$40.00 fee would be covered for WCMG members.

Kim is also looking for Level 1 training volunteers to help during the classes. The classes run on Tuesday evenings from 6 to 8 pm from September 8 to November 24th.

6. *Education Committee report:* the focus of the committee has been the two summer tours and the February seminar planning. Mary will remind members to collect their silent auction items, and Val will get a reminder in the Newsletter as well.

Mary will check with RoyAnn regarding any plans for long trips for the future. There are other groups in the state that also do trips and links to the Hardy Plant Society in Madison and Olberich Gardens in Madison can be sent to members for anyone interested.

7. *Garden Tours:* June 3rd – Valerie Stabenow’s gardens; Wednesday July 1 – tour of Patricia Clark and Ruth Retzloff’s gardens from 6 to 7:30. Linda is also checking into touring the West High School Butterfly garden in the courtyard.

Other Business:

1. *Gift Card for Garden Tours.* A motion was brought forward and passed to give a \$25.00 gift card to those who open up their gardens for member tours as a thank you. Linda Petek will coordinate the gift cards and thank you note.
2. *Golden Trowel Award Committee.* A motion was brought forward and passed to enact a year round committee to identify and review candidates for the Golden Trowel Award. For this year, Ivan Placko will lead the committee, Linda Petek will serve on the committee and Stan Meyer will procure the trophy. Marge Menacher, last recipient will also be on the committee.
3. *Christmas Party:* Linda suggested moving the date of the Christmas party to the second Tuesday in December for this year. December 1 is the first Tuesday, but that date is very close to the Thanksgiving holiday. Linda will book the party for December 8th at LaSure’s.

The meeting was adjourned at 7pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Kathy Schultz

Secretary