

Master Gardeners Board Meeting

June 3, 2014

The Meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m.

Present were: Mary Shepard, President, Linda Petek Co-President, Jane Kuhn, Co-Vice President, Ivan Placko, Co Vice- President, Sue Egner, Treasure, Mary Jo Maher, Secretary, Roy Anne Moulton, Diane Dougherty, Marge Menacher, Donna Kudlas and Kimberly Miller, UW Extension Advisor

Visitor: Audrey Ruedinger

Treasures Report: Sue Egner

Report for May was submitted and approved

Secretary report

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

New Business

Picnic update: The food is ordered. A plant exchange is planned. Donna is asking if anyone can come in at 4:30 to help set up.

Education Committee:

The committee is planning short day trips this summer to Olbrich Gardens, Centennial Gardens, and a private garden on July 19.

A report has to be made to the state to let them know how we used the grant money

Projects updates

Pheasant and Perennials have a project request in. They will be invited to the board meeting to discuss the details of the project.

The following projects were approved for this year; Theda Clark Hospital, St. Raphael's gardens, Invasive, Neenah Parks, Neenah Library, Omro Library, Habitat for Humanity, Emiline Cook, Lincoln Gardens, Community Gardens, Shared Harvest, and Winchester Historical Gardens. Parkview, Octagon House, Sign installation and Garlic Mustard, Farmers Market, County Fair, Humane Society, Paine Garden, and the home and Garden Show

The newsletter will now be publishing the project workdays for the members. It will list the project looking for volunteers and the date and hours available. These will be open to any member to help fulfill the volunteer hours

UW Extension Updates: Kimberly Miller

Kimberly will be conducting the Level 1 training this year.

Nick's position is still open.

"Got Dirt" manuals are available.

Common Crop posters are available

The laptop was dropped off to Kim this week

Mandated training is still coming. A reminder, these must be completed before turning in your hours.

Kimberly talked about pulling of invasive plants on private property. Kimberly has talked to the state and due to insurance issues; the state has mandated that we should not be on private property pulling invasive.

Audrey presented the pros of continuing this. A letter was read from Lawanda with positive points on why we should continue.

There was discussion on whether consulting with neighbors could be considered volunteer hours.

The member's book and master gardener's brochures will be corrected for more precious wording for what the states guidelines are.

Other news:

Linda Petek volunteered to do the audit.

New Projects available

Habitat for Humanity in Oshkosh is seeking our help with landscaping of two houses

Board meeting will August 5

There is no bard meeting in July

Meeting Adjourned

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Jo Maher, Secretary

Winnebago County Master Gardeners