

## **Master Gardeners Board Meeting October 7, 2014**

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

Present were: Mary Shepard, President, Jane Kuhn, Co-Vice President, , Mary Jo Maher, Secretary, Anne Murphy, Dara Sitter, Pat Behm, Marge Menacher, Diane Dougherty and Kimberly Miller. Guest- Virginia Slattery

### **Treasures Report:**

Report for September was submitted and approved

### **Secretary report**

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

### **New Business**

December 2 is the tentative new date for the awards dinner to be held at La Sure's in Oshkosh. There might be a choice of three choices for the meal, which will be signed up for ahead of time. The cost is held at the same rate as last year.

Marge has followed up with the tech about the scholarships. This last year's scholarship went to a student who dropped out of the program. We will offer the scholarships to the tech this year again.

The Octagon House was submitted for the grant this year.

November's business meeting will have a Power Point on how to use the website

### **Old Business**

Nomination Committee reported no one has stepped forward for the open positions on the board. Anne will try calling members.

### **Education Committee:**

Madison Expo will be February 13-15.

Winter Escape date is still being determined.

### **UW Extension Updates: Kimberly Miller**

The SOP updates are still being reviewed

Sara Thompson accepted the position of Youth and Science Education

The new 4-H agent started in September

AG agent position has an interview set up for this week

Blog site is available to all to view. The information on how to access it is on Mike's newsletter

The budget for Kimberly to go to a full time status is being submitted for review.

A new 4-H agent has started.

**Other news:**

Virginia Slattery was present to give an update on her liaison work with the new members. She has attended the new members classes twice. She did a short survey and found that about half of the new members are employed . Half of the new members are from Oshkosh and half from the surrounding areas.

The new members asked Virginia what made a core project and what made a non-core project. Mary explained it was the board's decision. Virginia plans on visiting the new class one more time before they complete the class.

**New Projects available**

None to report.

As a reminder, all projects must have the non-discrimination form completed by their contact at their project.

Next Board Meeting is November 4, 2014

Next Business meeting is November 11, 2014

**Meeting Adjourned**

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Jo Maher, Secretary

Winnebago County Master Gardeners