

Master Gardener Board Meeting February 1, 2011

The Meeting was called to order by Mary Wiedenmeier, 6:00 pm

Present: Mary Wiedenmeier, Kathy Daniels, Alice Graf, Linda Baeten, Bob Potter, Ken Hawk, Roy Anne Moulton, Audrey Ruedinger, Jane Kuhn and Nick Schneider.

Welcome guest Master Gardener, [Becky Gratz](#).

Excused: Ivan Placko, Marge Menacher, Carole Dorsch.

Treasurer's Report – Alice Graf

A handout was available detailing January activity. Our ending balance as of January 31, 2011 is \$17,205.33.

Linda Baeten handed Alice another batch of checks from registrations taken for upcoming events.

Secretary's report:

The Board and Business minutes were both printed in the newsletter in January. We should have both Board minutes and Business minutes on the website, and only Business minutes in the newsletter to keep from being redundant. [Linda will send Business minutes to Linda Tobey for the Newsletter and both Board and Business minutes to Jean Reed for the Website in the future.](#)

Old Business

1. SOPs – Alice asked to [table the SOP discussion until next meeting](#). All agreed.

New business

1. Home show – Cindy Meszaros would like to give away a compost barrel, worth \$45 at the Home Show. Cost of the barrel was covered in the expenses submitted for the Home Show. The prize would go to a non Master Gardener. By consensus the Board approved. It was suggested to [keep the list of those who sign up for the barrel for future reference](#).
 - [Alice had a stack of surveys/memberships. The Board agreed that they should be kept for one year for reference. Linda Baeten will keep them.](#)
2. Project Lead Meeting - Jane Kuhn. The meeting is scheduled for February 16th, 6:00 at the Coughlin Center. Nick, Ivan & Jane to coordinate. They are looking for agenda items. See below.
 - Forms on website to share.
 - Have project leads sign off on reimbursements to keep track of expenses. Receipts are needed.
 - Thank them for their efforts. Show them the tools for success. Serve food. Keep positive and encouraging. Show appreciation. [Alice will pick up from Papa Murphy's. Jane will bring beverage. Roy Anne will bring ice.](#)
 - Important for the Leads to contact all that want to help.
 - [Jane & Ivan will meet and finalize the agenda and provide a head count for the food.](#)
 - They will ask for input from the project leads.
3. Plant Health Advisor Barb Kuhn resigned. Ann Gratton has come forward and is considering taking the position. She has experience. [Linda Baeten will send a thank you](#)

note to Barb for her past service. PHAs can work from home. Another notice is needed in the newsletter. Need to emphasize that advising may be done from home. Nick provides a “how to” meeting in April. Nick will see if Ann will commit. A consequent article will be put in the Newsletter.

4. Audit Committee - Ann Murphy is interested in being on the Audit committee. Stan Meyer is not.
5. Nominating Committee –Mary Wiedenmeier provided a handout of officer duties for review. Discussion followed:
 - Important to invite members to attend Board Meetings. Thanks to Becky for coming.
 - We always asked at the end of a Business meeting in the past, to have the members attend Board meetings and will continue to do so.
6. Education Committee report - Roy Anne.
 - Thanks to Bob Potter for helping on the bus trips.
 - We will reach the break even points for the bus trips.
 - Expo: In past we have ordered 50 tickets in advance and the Expo would take back what we didn't sell. Roy Anne asked if it was ok to do this again and put it on her credit card. The Board agreed.
 - Chicago does not return tickets and we can't change the order after Feb 16. Roy Anne will send them in after Feb 10. Late registrants may then ride the bus and get their own ticket at the door. We would charge \$17.00 less for late comers.
 - Bridgewood is asking for approximately \$300 more for the rental of screens and a projector that hadn't been mentioned in original negotiations. Roy Anne has a call in to them. We do have the \$250 grant to help with expenses for Winter Escape.
 - We only have 3 vendors so far and are still looking for more. Waiting to hear from Stuarts.
 - Don Engebretsen may be available for next year's event.
 - Doors open at 8:00 at Coughlin for the Pruning Workshop. Roy Anne and Audrey to speak first and then proceed to Dorothy Bonnin's at 10:30 for hands-on pruning.
7. New Business
 - Fond du Lac - Day in the Garden April 2, 2011. Handout.
 - Green Bay - Winter Workshop March 5, 2011.
 - New WCMGA Brochures will be delivered Feb 11.
 - Lisa from Webster Stanley called asking who will take on the After School Project? Mary will talk to Marge.
 - Mary asked about our wooden signs from the past. She asked that signage be brought up at the Project Lead meeting and perhaps consider getting new signs made.
 - Garden walks – Audrey has May and June arranged. There is a need for March & April. Could do a preview of projects.
 - Linda Baeten mentioned her husband Phil was willing to do a workshop to build tomato cages. She will check into it and coordinate with Audrey for a date.
 - Audrey asked that we let speakers do their programs first at Business Meetings. The Board agreed.

Adjourned 7:25pm
Respectfully submitted,
Linda Baeten