

Master Gardeners Board Meeting
Feb 2, 1020

Present: Mary Wiedenmeier, Kathy Daniels, Ivan Placko, Alice Graf, Linda Baeten, Stan Meyer, Bob Potter, Ken Hawk, Roy Anne Moulton, Marge Menacher, Audrey Ruedinger, Sue Bohn, Nick Schneider, Cindy Meszaros and Joni Pagel.

Treasurer's Report –

Alice provided a detailed handout. Balance in the checking account is \$1,127.81, plus \$100.00 in cash and a CD of \$5,072.34 gives us a total of \$16,165.55.

Secretary's Report –

Board Minutes are posted on the Website and Business Minutes are posted in the Newsletter. No corrections were made.

Old business

Membership lists - Mary talked to Dawn Kent regarding keeping the membership list. She is willing to keep the list.

Tax exempt status – Alice reported we have a new Wisconsin Sales and Use Tax certificate. The Tax Exempt number is 056722, issued 1/25/2010.

New Business

Worm Castings Brochure – the layout was forwarded to Nick. This will enable us to have some printed on plain paper at the Extension Office to save costs. Discussion followed:

- Kathy said DPI could print them for .25 on glossy paper for 1,000 copies.
- Need them for the Farmer's Market, and to staple on bags of Worm Castings in time for sale at the Home and Garden Show.
- Sue Bohn moved to have 100 printed for the H&G show at the Extension...this would cost .25 as well, but then we would have some on hand. Linda B seconded...discussion. Motioned carried.
- Waiting on a new name for worm castings...winner to be revealed at the February Business meeting.

Got Dirt training – Marge reported she, Pat Boehm and Nick went to Green Bay for training. It was interesting and they came back with some ideas and printed materials. She is planning to have a training session here in March. We will be reimbursed for materials and training. Nick has a power point. The exact date is still to be determined. Kristin will advertise in the schools for teachers who may be interested. Training consists of 3 hours in the evening. It is geared more for teachers, but MGs are also welcome. This would be helpful for those who work on the Webster and Washington projects. Merrill and Oakwood would be interested. Other schools may be also. Training is free and paid for through "Got Dirt" funding from the State.

SOPs: Board members had been emailed a copy. A committee was designated to update the SOPs.

- Stan, Ivan and Alice will serve on the committee.
- SOPs will be on the agenda for the March Board meeting.
- It was noted that Section II, C. needs clarification.
- Progress reports will be forthcoming.

Education Committee - Roy Anne

- 36 are signed up for the Madison bus trip to the Garden Expo.
- 165 are signed up for Winter Escape at this point....250 is max.
- Linda Werner met with Jean Reed regarding the website. They agreed to work on it together and come up with a draft to bring to the Board. Their goals are to make it user friendly and look better. Other people may be brought in for ideas later.

Roy Anne brought a rough draft of our Master Gardener brochure with updates. She had met with some interested members to work on the brochure. They looked at other models of brochures and developed this draft. They are open for comments. When the wording is finalized, we could ask Emily to put some graphics on it, or another graphic artist if Emily is too busy. There is room left to play. Basic Training dates were not mentioned. They would like to have it available for our upcoming events such as the Home and Garden show, bus trips, the Winter Escape event, and the Farmers Market.

Discussion....

- Change language of "current projects include".
- Need both MG logo and the UWEX logo.
- May need an Affirmative Action statement as well.

Approved 2010 Projects - Ivan

William Weber's project never got approved for the Parkview Gardens Entry Design from last year, even though the project was started and bulbs ordered. No request for money was made, but it still needs approval. Moved, Potter/Graf, to accept. Motion carried.

Cindy Meszaros and Joni Pagel were present to talk about the Home and Garden Show Project. They would like more presence at the show and have asked Andy Krueger to give a presentation on bee keeping.

- They have talked with Ken Esslinger, Manager of H&G Show. The Ag Dept will also be doing seminars and they are waiting for a time slot.
- They would need a stipend of \$75-100 for Andy Krueger.
- Display boards have been updated. Three remain to be updated and they would like to purchase more materials. Joni and Cindy would make a Bee Board for the presentation.
- The booth and table cost \$147 last year, plus approximately \$36 in fabric and \$30 for boards.
- Alice asked that they do a Project Application to help with determining the budget. Forms are on the website.
- Cindy and Joni will also bring the 3 main display boards to Winter Escape.

Discussion on cost for Andy took place. A motion was made, Potter/Meyer to allocate \$350 for the Home & Garden Show, speaker fees included. Motion carried.

A decision was made to table the rest of the projects until next time. More are expected to come in.

Other Business

- Dara Sitter will lead the project for the Oshkosh Humane Society Memorial Garden.
- Project reports will be presented at the February and March Business meetings. No speakers needed.
- Planning – Nick reported we are making progress and mentioned the nice write up in the newsletter.

- Audrey had received a call from Amy Jo Domke from County Fair Board. Evidently two MG sponsored scholarships were never given last year and she still has the awards. Sue Bohn will follow up. Audrey has the phone number.
- Alice had 700 pens made up with our MG information on them. Pens were passed around.
- Ivan reported Lawanda had talked to Gannett Newspapers to get her articles in the Neenah Menasha Post Crescent. This has been a slow process. Perhaps if our Neenah Members called the Post Crescent, they would take notice.
- Alice asked if it was OK to accept a member from Sheboygan and also one from Outagamie. Their dues would transfer to us. Nick gave it the OK.
- Mary had attended "Garden Visions" in Stevens Point. 560 people attended and she thought it was an excellent event. It was a tri-county effort. She brought back information. This could be a venue for us to sell worm castings. Perhaps we could have a booth next year.

Meeting adjourned 7:42

Respectfully submitted,
Linda Baeten