

Master Gardener Board Meeting March 1, 2011

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

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

Welcome guest Master Gardener, Mary Shepard.

Excused: Ivan Placko and Nick Schneider.

Treasurer's Report – Alice Graf

- A handout was available detailing February activity. Our ending balance as of February 28, 2011 is \$19,779.37.
- Linda Baeten handed Alice another batch of checks for event registrations.
- [There will be a refund for the AV Equipment from Bridgewood.](#) Their equipment was not working during WE/SD.
- The charge in January for brochures was for the paper, not the printing.

Secretary's report – Linda Baeten

- Board Minutes were posted in the March Newsletter.
- Discussion on whether Board minutes or Business Minutes get put in the newsletter:
 - Linda Baeten reported that Linda Tobey thought the Board Minutes go in the Newsletter.
 - The SOP's state that the Business meeting minutes get posted in the Newsletter, and Board Minutes get posted on the Website.
 - The Business minutes are not posted in the Newsletter or on the Website.
 - Since we ask the Membership to approve the Business Minutes at each meeting, they should be able to read them in the Newsletter each month. [Linda B will contact Jean Reed again regarding posting Board Minutes on the Website.](#) [Linda B will contact Linda T again regarding posting the Business Minutes in the Newsletter.](#)

Education Committee Report - Roy Anne:

Winter Escape/Summer Dreams - A total of 147 people attended. Break even was approximately 150. There were many good comments, and a letter from Jeff Epping was very appreciative. Vendors worked out well; all donated door prizes and paid a fee except for 1.

Chicago Trip-

- During WE/SD the winner of the door prize informed Roy Anne that she was unable to go on the Chicago trip. She suggested Roy Anne give her ticket to one of the ladies at her table instead. [Roy Anne Will follow-up.](#)
- Due to a miscalculation, the Chicago trip was slightly overbooked. Roy Anne and Audrey agreed to give up their seats.
- Diane Iott & Marge Menacher will host the bus.

Next year we may be able to book Don Engebretsen...Discussion on possible venues took place. The UW FDL is free to the FDL MGs. UWO does not offer free space. [Mary will check](#)

into UWO Reeve Union. Alice will check on fees at West High School. Perhaps FDL would go together with us for an event that includes Engebretsen.

Pruning Workshop: 17 signed up at this point.

Sam's Club – Mary Wiedenmeier: It has been brought up that the WCMGA obtain a Sam's Club Membership and use our tax-exempt status. By consensus, the Board decided we wouldn't buy enough to justify the membership.

Lead Chairs – Mary Wiedenmeier:

- Anne Gratton has accepted the role as lead for the PHAs.
- Betty Kuen will do the lead for the Paine.
- Ann Murphy volunteered to do the Audit which could take place either at Alice's house or prior to a business or board meeting. The Audit should be done by the end of the year before the new Treasurer takes over.

Project Applications to Date – Jane Kuhn received a spreadsheet from Ivan.

Community Gardens 300
County Fair 175
Education on Invasive Species 0
Farmers Market 300
Habitat for Humanity 500
Tri County Home & Garden Show 320
Humane Society 500
Lincoln School - no information, UWO may take over.
Octagon House 225
Paine Art Center and Gardens 0
Parkview Cutting Garden 500
Park View Flower Arranging 500
Park View Prairie Garden 175
Park View Vegetable Garden 0
Plant Health Advisors 300
Rushford Town Hall 0
Shared Harvest 0
Webster Stanley School 500
Washington School 500
Total 4795

Still waiting for others.

Baeten/Potter to approve the projects. Motion carried unanimously.

Announcements:

- [Waushara County Spring Garden Symposium brochures will be put out at the next Business meeting.](#)
- The Potential Project Corner in the newsletter, developed by Nick, was mentioned favorably. [Audrey will let Nick know how much we appreciate it.](#)
- JJ Keller is looking for a speaker for 2 brown bag sessions to promote health and wellness. They expect about 30 people to attend. They are open for any Tues and Wed in April. This would be a ½ hour presentation. Anyone interested should contact Angie

920-722-2848 ext 2811. Roy Anne will ask if anyone is interested at the next MG Education Committee meeting.

- Sue Bohn will be attending a face to face meeting in mid April as our State Rep. Contact her if there is anything you want brought up for discussion. Nick may want to inquire about organizing a meeting with other MG groups.
- Mary Shepard has asked Lawanda if she is interested in allowing a collection of her writings for a fund raiser. Lawanda is agreeable and Mary will start the process.

SOPs: handout.

Discussion: Typos, wording, and general tweaking of the document took place.

Moved and seconded, Potter/Menacher, to approve and recommend the revised SOP's, dated March 1st, to the membership. Motion carried unanimously.

- Alice will clean up the document and e-mail it to the Board and General Membership before the March Business meeting. Hard copies will be available at the March meeting as well. Plan on discussion and vote for the April meeting.
- Once approved, the SOP's will be posted and made available to new MGs at the beginning of Basic classes.

Meeting Adjourned – 8:40.

Respectfully Submitted,
Linda Baeten