

**Winnebago County Master Gardeners
Board Meeting March 3, 2009
Minutes**

Present: Mary Weidenmeier, Kathy Daniels, Steve Schueler, Linda Baeten, Alice Graf, Ken Hawk, Roy Anne Moulton, Stan Meyer, Bob Potter, Audrey Ruedinger, Nick Schneider, and Linda Werner.

The meeting was called to order at 6:00 PM.

Treasurer's Report: a handout was provided. As of 02/28/2009, the balance in the checking account was \$6,228.22, plus 100.00 in cash, plus 5,000 in the new CD, plus 5,201.00 in the old CD for a total of \$16,529.62.

Secretary's Report: It was noted that the minutes of the February Business Meeting were misnamed as the Board Meeting in the March Newsletter. Otherwise there were no additions or correction brought forth by the Board.

OLD BUSINESS

The Environmental Discs have arrived. Those present at the Board Meeting received their disc, if earned. The remainder will be handed out at the March Business Meeting. Any remaining discs will be mailed.

NEW BUSINESS

Operating Procedures – Mary will search to see if the SOPs are recorded on a data disc which will make revisions easier. Alice volunteered to type in the revisions, or retype if necessary. The Board proceeded to discuss the SOPs. Changes were drafted for sections I and II. To be continued at the April Board meeting.

Newsletter changes – Discussion took place on whether to remove the Board and/or Business meeting minutes from the newsletter. Much of this information is redundant and makes for a long newsletter. It was suggested post them on the website and provide a link in the newsletter. The decision was made to remove the Board minutes, but to retain the Business Meeting minutes in the newsletter beginning with the April edition.

E-Mails: Kathy and Mary would appreciate it if members would e-mail both of them when addressing MGV issues for continuity's sake.

Project Applications: Steve brought forth two project applications.

- Park View Prairie project. Ken Hawk is the lead for this continuing project. Moved and seconded, Audrey, Linda Werner, to continue the project. Motion carried unanimously.
- Webster Stanley Elementary School Garden Project. Marge Menacher is the lead for this sanctioned project. Bob Potter reported on their progress so far. This will most likely be a continuing project. Cold frames are already being constructed by West High School students. Moved and Seconded, Linda Werner/Alice to approve. Motion carried unanimously.

Plant Health Advisor lead: Barb Kuhn has agreed to take Curt Reese's place as the lead for the PHAs.

Vegetable Trials Project: Nick has conferred with the County Nutritional Educator. He has decided which seeds to use for the project. There will be two each of tomatoes, melons, cucumbers, beans, zucchini, corn, peppers, sweet peppers, kohlrabi, onions and acorn squash. He needs to send in an order soon, and needs to know who is interested in participating from their home gardens. Ken Friedman, lead for the project, will speak to the membership at the next business meeting. Ken also intends to have a drop off space next to the MGVs at the Farmer's Market.

Committee Reports:

Education Committee:

- Roy Anne reported 54 people were present for the Bones of the Garden presentation. The sound equipment gave them some trouble.
- At this point, 7 people are signed up for the May 2nd Madison buying trip.
- 19 are signed up for the June 6th trip to Klems Song Sparrow Gardens.
- 15 are signed up for the March 14th Pruning class

Rushford Project:

This is a Sanctioned project. Initial planning for plant selection has taken place. The rain garden is expected to expand. Carol Dorsch has contacted Townspeople and may be able to get plant material donated. Tom Traxler has agreed to oversee construction. The next meeting is tentatively scheduled for March 16th at the Town Hall at 7:00 PM.

Picnic: Kathy has reserved the Park View Gazebo for the annual MGV picnic on June 9th.

Other New Business:

UWEX Apple Pruning and Grafting Class: Nick is still looking for people to sign up. E-mails have gone out and it was in the March newsletter.

Garden Walks:

- Roy Anne will host in June.
- Dorothy Gayhart-Kunz will host in July. She is also scheduled for the Oshkosh Garden Walk.

Board Structure: Mary asked the Board to think about term limits for Board members, and whether there should be pre-requisites for officers such as prior service on the Board for the next meeting.

Membership: Board members present each agreed to call two or three new members to invite them to the next Business Meeting.

Meeting adjourned 7:40 pm

Respectfully submitted,
Linda Baeten