

Winnebago County Master Gardener Board Meeting Minutes  
April 4, 2017

PRESENT: Kathy Schultz, Linda Loker, co-Presidents, Eric Kropp, Nancy Karuhn, co-vice Presidents, Joni Pagel, Treasurer, Ann Abraham, Secretary, Lori Berndt, Diane Iott, Jan Wetterau-Houge, Linda Werner, Susan Forbes

Excused: Valerie Stabenow, Kimberly Miller, Sandra Mathison

TREASURER REPORT: Joni presented the March treasurers report and it was approved as given.

SECRETARY REPORT: February minutes were approved, with Linda Werner motioning to accept and seconded by Lori Berndt. Ann will be gone for the April member meeting, and Jan Wetterau-Hogue agreed to take the minutes.

PROJECT UPDATES: Parkview vegetable garden need volunteers to help with that area and Humane Society needs volunteers to help with some areas that are being re-done this year. Carter Memorial garden is replacing plants and bulbs this year. Algoma town hall is not asking for volunteers yet as they are in the planning stage. In general Project leads need to let the membership know how many people are needed and when.

Motion to approve all projects brought forward by Linda Werner and seconded by Lori Berndt. We will need a project lead for Winchester Historical Society, and will bring this to the next board meeting.

An idea was discussed about trying a pilot that would have one person coordinate the announcements when the leads need volunteer help. Diane Iott agreed to be that contact person who would send to the secretary for sending to the membership.

It was also decided to take up Anne Murthy's suggestion to have the project leads be available at the membership meeting for April and May to answer questions and allow people to sign up for volunteer help. We will provide tables at the back of the room and spend 15 minutes doing this during the meeting.

EDUCATION COMMITTEE REPORT: We did not get the grant for the Container Wise program, but the state MG decided it was a worthy project and will fund it. Planning continues and May 22<sup>nd</sup> volunteers will be needed to help with the container planting segment of this program.

Rockford trip is full with a wait list.

Planning for a one day trip to Christopher Gardens, Bookworm gardens and a few other stops in that area on Thursday July 27<sup>th</sup>.

EXTENSION UPDATE; Kimberly was not available for this meeting.

BOARD SIZE/BY-LAW REVISION; The board looked at the Board of directors SOP regarding size, and how we will handle the past-president, past vice-president necessity of coming to the meetings for the next year, especially if a co-officer will continue for another term.

For the 11 member board size, we have Sandra Mathison volunteering to drop from the board, and if we do not elect another person for 2018, we will be at the correct size for 2018.

A team of Sue Forbes, Nancy Karuhn, Joni Pagel, Kathy Schultz and Linda Loker will look at wording to revise this and also review the bylaws and SOP's for updating. This will be presented to the board for discussion and to the membership for approval in the fall.

**SPEAKERS FOR UPCOMING MEETINGS:**

Maureen Muldoon, UW Geology professor on why is your water brown?

Greg Kerkmeyer WPS on Emerald Ash Borer

Barb Harrison – England gardens trip

Mandy UW extension on understanding adverse child experience survey