

**Winnebago County Master Gardeners
Board Meeting April 7, 2009
Minutes**

Present: Mary Weidenmeier, Steve Schueler, Linda Baeten, Alice Graf, Ken Hawk, Roy Anne Moulton, Stan Meyer, Bob Potter, Bob Kosanke, Arlene Kosanke, Barbara Kuhn, Sue Bohn, Linda Werner and Marge Menacher.

Excused: Kathy Daniels, Audrey Ruedinger and Nick Schneider.

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

Treasurer's Report: a handout was provided. As of 03/31/2009, the balance in the checking account was \$6,140.85 plus 100.00 in cash, plus 5,000 in the new CD, plus 5,201.40 in the old CD for a total of \$16,442.25.

Marge Menacher handed Alice a request for the \$1,000.00 scholarship award for the Fox Valley Technical College Horticulture program. The bus trip to Madison is paid, but we still need to pay for the Janesville bus trip. Discussion took place whether to renew the CD due in April or cash it in to cover expected expenses. Moved and seconded Roy Anne / Linda Werner to cash in the CD and reinvest at a later date. Motion carried. Moved and seconded Bob Potter / Stan Meyer to accept the Treasurer's report. Motion carried.

Secretary's Report: Board Minutes are now being e-mailed to the membership as a separate document along with the Newsletter. There were no additions or corrections. Minutes stand as submitted.

OLD BUSINESS

1. Formatting changes in the April Newsletter were noted and approved.

NEW BUSINESS

Project Applications:

- Pat Boehm would like approval of up to \$100.00 for flowers and fertilizer in the "Triangle Garden" at the UW Fox Valley Community Gardens. This garden is included in the Garden Walk this year and is already an approved project. Ruth Freye, lead of the Community Garden project already has \$300.00 approved and an extra \$100 would still be under the \$500 cap. Approved by consensus.
- Lawanda Jungwirth asked for approval to host a Wild Flower Walk along the WIOUWASH Trail for UWO's Learning In Retirement (LIR) group. Hours would count for Community Education. Approved by consensus.
- Discussion on worm castings: Since the MGs have already purchased worm castings, project leads could use them for their projects if so desired and keep track of the amount they use. Ken will be taking inventory of the worm castings after the Paine Festival of Spring. We can always order more. The Park View project already has secured a supply. There was a question as to what the nitrogen content of the worm castings is, and whether it could be used in place of fertilizer. It was decided to have the worm castings tested as soil sample.
- Lawanda Jungwirth sent a request to renew the Invasive Species Project along the WIOUWASH Trail for control of Garlic Mustard and the control of Buckthorn and Canary Reed Grass at the Waukau Nature Preserve. No money is needed.

- Dorothy Gayhard-Kunz sent a request to renew the Education Booth at the Oshkosh Farmer's Market. She is asking up to \$300.00 in funds. Moved and seconded Linda Werner / Alice Graf to approve both renewal projects. Motion carried.
- Lawanda Jungwirth sent a project request for maintaining a flower bed at St. Mary's Church in Appleton for beautification and education in a high traffic area. Hours only.
- Linda Loker sent a project request for maintaining flower beds and containers at St. Raphael's Church in Oshkosh for beautification and education. Hours only. Moved and seconded Linda Werner / Bob Potter for both projects.

Fox Valley Tech Scholarship: Marge Menacher reported the FVTC Scholarship will go to Colleen Cutcheon at an award ceremony on May 7th. She is in her last semester and is a non-traditional student. Marge read her letter of appreciation. The letter will be forwarded to Linda Tobey for the Newsletter. Marge plans to attend the award ceremony.

Webster Stanly School Project: Marge reported they have finished two sessions with the after school children and all is going well. They have studied plant biology and soil, planted sunflower and marigold seeds, and will study tubers for the next class. Kudos to Marge for the set-up each Monday. The cold frames are finished and delivered. Top soil is to be delivered. Thanks to Alice for being the liaison for the West High School Industrial Tech classes who produced the cold frames. Bob Kosanke is bringing 4 tractor tires to replace the kiddie pools.

Committee Reports:

Education Committee:

- Marge reported the bus to Madison has 23 signed up and there is room for more. Linda Werner sent an announcement to the smaller newspapers in the area. An announcement will be made at the Business Meeting. Contacting Wisconsin Public Radio's Garden Talk host, Larry Meillor was suggested as another way of marketing trips or programs. We could also get involved with a match during their fund-raising sessions at some point.
- Alice reported 43 are signed up for the Janesville trip. It was decided to keep two seats vacant and there is room for 6 more. Alice will let Audrey know the status of the trip in case she gets calls.

Rushford Project:

- Sue Bohn and Ken Hawk reported on the Rushford project. There will be a meeting at the Town Hall tomorrow where a presentation will be given and a vote taken. Marshland Transplants and Aquatics will donate up to \$10,000 for the project which is quite extensive and may continue in future years. The MGVs will meet at 6:00 and the Town at 7:00.

Operating Procedures:

The Board worked on the Operating Procedures. Sue Bohn handed out a copy of recent revisions to the Project Application Process for the Board to consider. Progress was made. Members were asked to keep a list of questions to pose to the State Organization for next month's discussion.

Other New Business:

- Neither Kathy nor Mary will be available for the June 2nd Board Meeting. The Board will determine whether there needs to be a meeting closer to that date.
- Post cards for the June 9th Picnic will be going out.
- Bob Kosanke reported on the Face to Face State Representative's meeting:

The State convention is in October at Ho Chunk. It was suggested to make reservations now if you intend to go. We are asked to donate a silent auction basket or a cash donation. Moved and seconded Linda Werner / Bob Potter to send a \$100 cash donation.

We were also asked to sell raffle tickets. It was decided to ask the membership at the next Business meeting whether they wish to do so.

Susan Mahr has produced a DVD on invasives called "Stemming the Garlic Mustard" of which Bob had a copy. It was decided to give it to either Lawanda or Audrey for review.

Next Board Meeting: May 5, 2009

Meeting adjourned 8:15 pm

Respectfully submitted,
Linda Baeten