

Winnebago County Master Gardener Board Meeting

May 1, 2012

Present: Mary Shepard, Co-President; Linda Petek, Co President; Mary Wiedenmeier, Past Co-President; Kathy Daniels, Past Co-President; Jane Kuhn, Co-Vice President; Sue Egner, Treasurer; Alice Graf, Past Treasurer, Linda Baeten, Secretary; Roy Anne Moulton, Education Committee; Marge Menacher; Audrey Ruedinger; Carole Dorsch; Diana Dougherty; Ann Murphy and Kimberly Miller, UWEX Advisor.

Excused: Ivan Placko, Co-Vice President.

The meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m.

Treasurer's report – Sue Egner

Handout available – Sue went over the details. The total of all accounts as of 4/30/12 is \$15,659.92.

An extra sheet for trips income and expense was provided...thanks to Roy Anne for organizing.

Income from Winter Escaper Summer Dreams was \$7,880.

Secretary's Report – Linda Baeten

Board Minutes are posted on the Website, and Business minutes are in the Newsletter. No problems reported.

OLD BUSINESS

Scholarships - Marge Menacher

Only 1 student received a scholarship this year because only 1 student was from Winnebago County. FVTC recommends the recipient. Marge will give out the award May 9th.

Planting containers for City of Oshkosh. Mary Shepard talked to Mark Ziemer, who leads the project. There will be a single planting day in May, date TBA. He will get back to us by the next Business Meeting. The Parks Department plans to put a water tank in a large pick-up truck for watering the containers. They have contracted with a nursery for plant material. Design is still in process. The pots would need maintenance 2 x week. There are 104 pots all together. We have some people interested. We would only do some of the pots such as those located near our Farmer's Market area.

NEW BUSINESS

Picnic – Mary Wiedenmeier

The picnic is planned for June 12, 6:00 pm with music provided by the Foggy Valley Boyz. (Jerry Robak, drummer)

Information will be in the newsletter. The event will be inside at Park View. Mary will be contacting people to help with set up.

Request for new project – Jane Kuhn.

Ann Gratton, will be speaking at the Fox River Valley District Garden Club meeting on terrariums and has asked for approval to count her hours. Board approved by consensus.

Meeting times for fall:

- Basic Training Classes will be in fall again. Business meetings will move up to 5:30 pm to accommodate the new members, as we have done in the past.
- Normal business meetings are at 6:15. Discussion on meeting times took place. Audrey moved and Alice seconded to have the Business meetings and Board meetings start at 6:00 except when classes are scheduled when Business meetings will begin at 5:30.

Presentations at Business meeting in May- Linda Petek

- Anita Carpenter - Butterflies
- Project lead presentations
- Individual projects to report in fall
- Mary Wiedenmeier has arranged a tour of the Wild Center tentatively for July 10

Annual liability policy – Mary Shepard

- It is too late this year to obtain liability insurance for the Philadelphia trip
- Off site MG activity could be covered for about \$250/year from State Farm
- Mary will obtain a quote from American Family as well
- Also looking for a 3rd quote.

Lawanda Jungwirth book project

The project is going well. Lawanda has worked hard for this.

Worm Casting Brochure

- Needs updating - Ann Murphy volunteered. Mary will get an original one to Ann. Synda Jones could help. Trifold works well. Mary Wiedenmeier will get the worm logo to Ann.

Inventory –

- It been difficult to keep track of our equipment and supplies. Bob Potter and Bob Kosanke are looking for material for the Senior Expo this weekend.
- Mary Shepard would like to get it organized on a spread sheet so we know what we have and can locate it, including brochures and equipment. A volunteer is needed.
- We should also think of things we need. Mary suggested using proceeds from Lawanda's books to purchase a lap top that could be used for Power Point presentations. Roy Anne may be willing to teach others how to do PPs.

OTHER NEW BUSINESS

Kimberly's Report -

- Newsletter hard copies – Kimberly. We have been sending 20-30 hard copies each month. Next month will be the last hard copy sent if the member has an e-mail address. Those without email will continue to get a hard copy. Go green! Discussion of how people without email get information outside of the newsletter.
- New support staff at UWEX. Melody has Julie's old position. A new person will report to agriculture and deal with Master Gardeners and we expect to have her assume duties in June.
- Pruning workshop –UWEX is planning on partnering with the DNR, Outagamie, & Brown Counties late August or September to do 2 workshops in each location. There will be a full day workshop during week and a half day on the weekend. Estimated cost is \$25 for half day, \$35 for full day. The exact cost is to be determined. 50 people are needed for each workshop. They will cover shade trees and ornamentals. There will be a Power Point inside and a hands-on demo outside at the Coughlin & Expo Center. Kim will come to the May Business meeting to promote the workshop. The DNR will also promote.

Master Gardener Signage - Alice –

- Alice brought another example of a sign developed at West High School.
- We would need to weatherproof it ourselves and purchase hardware.
- The project is to be done before school is out for the summer.
- Alice will get a cost for us. We would need 22 for large projects and should get 30 to be sure. Thanks Alice.

Philadelphia Trip - Roy Anne

- The board suggested a \$50 tip for Bus driver to Milwaukee.
- There are no lunch accommodations at Chanticleer Gardens. It was suggested to have the bus driver stop at a grocery store so participants can buy lunch. A couple of coolers with ice could also be purchased for lunch on the grounds.

Meeting Adjourned 6:55 pm Jane Kuhn/Sue Egner.

Respectfully submitted, Linda Baeten, Secretary