

Master Gardener Board Meeting May 3, 2011

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

Present: Mary Wiedenmeier, Kathy Daniels, Ivan Placko, Jane Kuhn, Linda Baeten, Bob Potter, Ken Hawk, Carole Dorsch, Audrey Ruedinger, Nick Schneider.

Excused: Alice Graf, Roy Ann Moulton, Marge Menacher

Also Present: Master Gardeners Lawanda Jungwirth and Mary Shepard.

Lawanda Jungwirth & Mary Shepard presentation (handout)

A proposal was put forth to publish a book with a collection of Lawanda's articles. Lawanda is donating her articles to produce the book. It would require up-front money from the Master Gardeners, but proceeds would go to the club. Mary and Lawanda have worked out many details and asked permission to move forward on the project. *Moved and second Baeten/Potter to have Mary and Lawanda form a committee to pursue publishing a book of Lawanda's articles. Motion carried unanimously.*

Treasurer's Report – Alice is not present tonight, but provided a handout. The total of all accounts as of April 30, 2011 is \$14,468.18.

Secretary's Report – Linda Baeten. The Board minutes from April were approved.

Old Business: None

New Business:

Education Committee Report - Audrey

Garden walks –

- Magnolia trees - We will meet at Mary Wiedenmeier's office @ 5:45 on May 10th, and proceed to Eldorado. *Mary will do an e-mail regarding time and place.*
- Karen Slover garden walk near Pickett...July.

Next Year's Event – The Renegade Gardener has not returned calls and a date has not been set for next year's event.

Website:

- Mary received an e-mail from Alice regarding the cost of our website. We had paid \$106.89 for 3 years of hosting. This is up for renewal in July.
- To date, the new Hours Form has not been posted on the website, but it is available on Nick's.
- Minutes are not regularly posted on the website.
- Mary has talked with her husband regarding what it takes to do a website. It may not be easy, but it is doable.
- *Nick will call Jean Reed to see if others could have rights as a back-up person in order to keep the website up to date.*
- If we can't get the password for rights, we may have to let the website expire.
- Renewal would require Board approval.

Lincoln School – Ivan

Ivan received a project application for the Lincoln School Project. This is a beautification / educational opportunity project. Mary Haave & Linda Christianson are asking for \$500. Mary is the lead. *Ivan will ask if UWO, as new owner, is agreeable.* The Board approved the project by consensus.

June Picnic – *Mary Wiedenmeier will do a flyer.* The picnic will be held indoors in the Great Room at Park View like last year. Mary had inquired about a pig roast from Reds, but found it may be just as easy to have barbequed pork instead. People would bring salads and desserts. There will be a plant exchange.

Any New Business:

- Linda had a question regarding emeritus status. Kathy noted rules for this are listed in the bylaws.
- Nick read a letter he has composed to explain project requests to requestors and why sometimes no one comes forward to fill these requests.
- Nick has someone who wants to begin volunteering before taking classes. We would require them to send in an application so a background check could be done, but not collect registration fees until the classes begin.
- Mary and Kathy's terms expire in November. Audrey, Alice, Roy Anne are the on the nominating committee. *Audrey will write an article for the Newsletter encouraging members to step up.*

Meeting Adjourned 7:42

Respectfully submitted,
Linda Baeten