

**Winnebago County Master Gardeners
Board Meeting May 5, 2009
Minutes**

Present: Mary Weidenmeier, Kathy Daniels, Steve Schueler, Linda Baeten, Alice Graf, Ken Hawk, Stan Meyer, Bob Potter, Barbara Kuhn, Linda Werner, Marge Menacher, Nick Schneider and Audrey Ruedinger.

Excused: Roy Anne Moulton and Sue Bohn.

The meeting was called to order at 6:05 PM.

Treasurer's Report: a handout was provided. As of 04/30/2009, the balance in the checking account was \$10,333.16 plus 100.00 in cash, plus 5,000 in the new CD, for a total of \$15,433.16.

Secretary's Report: A correction to the April Board Minutes was brought up by Ken Hawk. There are 38 bags of worm castings in the garage and 13 bags in the closet at the Coughlin Center. Worm castings will be discussed at tonight's Board Meeting under Old Business. Minutes will be corrected.

OLD BUSINESS

1. **Seed Trials** - Nick reported that half of the seed ordered has been given out. Many tomato and pepper plants have been started. There will be a food pantry "Get Your Tomato Day". The Children's Garden at the Christine Anne Center could use seed trial seeds. Mary will send Ken Friedman an e-mail.
2. **Community Gardens Oshkosh** – All 160 plots have sold out. Water tanks have been set up. Nick has saved two plots for Second Harvest. Grass has been planted for paths, but is slow in growing. The initial tillage of plots will be done by Corrections.
3. **Worm Castings** – As discussed last time, worm castings could be available for MGV projects. We have 26 bags set aside for the Paine Festival of Spring, 38 in the garage, 13 in the closet for a total of 77 bags. What isn't sold at the Paine Festival has been offered to the Farmer's Market Project which starts in June. There has been some interest in using castings for some individual and sanctioned projects. To have more on hand, we would have to purchase another 500 lbs from Corrections. Discussion. It was moved and seconded Potter/Werner to allow individual projects pay for worm castings at the membership price of \$1.00/bag. Next year projects would need to include a request for castings in their application. Sanctioned projects would be charged for the value of the castings at the membership price in their approved funding. Motion carried unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS

Operating Procedures review – tabled until next meeting.

Project Applications – Steve had three applications:

1. Lincoln School Project by Janet Priebe and Karen Wedde, \$500.00.
2. Octogon House by Jerry Robak for the kitchen garden, the perennial garden and the planting of trees, no funds requested.
3. Park View Cutting Gardens by Dr. Weber, \$500.00

Moved and seconded Baeten/Werner to approve all 3 projects, but the Parkview project is to be funded at \$450.00 pending clarification of the worm casting source.

Webster Stanly School Project – Marge Menacher. Weeding and watering will continue throughout the summer. The Children are done with the project for this semester. Of the 4 tractor tires donated by Bob Kosanke, only one was filled for planting. Much soil is required as they are huge tires. Bricks and pavers

have been donated. Potatoes were planted. The Webster Garden Club which includes children will help with upkeep this summer.

Basic classes for 2009 – Nick had nothing new to report.

Committee Reports

1. Buying Trip to Madison area – Marge reported the trip went well, except for initial loading. Due to road construction on County Y, the pick-up place was changed to the Penny's Parking lot. Although everyone was called on the list, unfortunately three people did not get the message. One person called in sick, and another got called to work. Although our policy states that there are no refunds, the Board felt in this case refunds were in order. Moved and seconded Werner/Potter to refund all five.
2. Janesville Trip – Alice reported that the trip is sold out except for 1 spot due to a cancelation.
3. Garden Walks – Roy Anne Moulton's garden walk will be June 6th at 6:00 pm. Dorothy's is in July. A flyer will be developed and an announcement in the Newsletter. The Oshkosh Garden Walk is on July 18th with Dorothy and Marge Menacher's gardens included.
4. Rushford Project – Audrey reported they are waiting for excavation to be completed. The request for plant material has been made.
5. Paine Festival of Spring – Bob Potter reported volunteers have been potting plants for the sale. It was mentioned that Bob and Greg Putzer shared in "Volunteer of the Year" honors at the Paine this year. Congratulations Bob.
6. Habitat Houses – Mary reported the Habitat project includes Linda Werner, Dave Leonard, Ruth Freye, Jerry Robak. Seven houses are scheduled and trees will be planted for each.

June 2, 2009 Board Meeting – Mary and Kathy are unable to attend the June Board Meeting. It was decided to skip the June Meeting and meet again on July 7th.

Other New Business:

1. **Gift Sponsorship for the Paine Gardens** – Audrey passed around a brochure describing various contributions for the Paine. She suggested a donation of money would be an appropriate gift. We could have a planter with our name on it. She will get more information to bring to the Business Meeting.
2. **Raffle Tickets** for the State MGV Convention were mailed to us. Mary asked the Board if they wanted to sell tickets. As we had already voted not to do this, but send a cash donation instead, we will send the tickets back to the State.
3. **Camera Purchase** – Barb Kuhn, Plant Health Advisor, asked the Board if a camera could be purchased, per Nick's suggestion, in order to take pictures of insects and diseases. The camera would be kept at the Coughlin Center. Moved and seconded Ruedinger/Baeten to have Nick purchase a camera (up to \$300.00) for the Plant Health Advisors.
4. **Kay's Day Care** – Kathy received a request for help at a Day Care located in the 1300 block of Midway Road. They want to put in a vegetable and flower garden and involve 10 kids at the Day Care. Parents would also help. They are asking for individuals to help with planting and care. It was decided to e-mail the membership as an opportunity for an individual project.
5. **Wild Ones Menasha** – Barb Kuhn was approached by Donna Van Beeken to have hours worked by Master Gardeners on Wild Ones projects count as volunteer hours. The same situation exists for those who work for the Paine Gardens. The Board was agreeable and suggested she fill out an application form.

Next Board Meeting: July 7th, 2009

Meeting adjourned 7:40 pm

Respectfully submitted,
Linda Baeten