

**Master Gardeners Board Meeting
June 1, 2010**

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

Present: Mary Wiedenmeier, Kathy Daniels, Ivan Placko, Alice Graf, Linda Baeten, Sue Bohn, Stan Meyer, Bob Potter, Ken Hawk, Roy Anne Moulton, Audrey Ruedinger, Nick Schneider.

Excused: Marge Menacher

Treasurer's Report –

Alice provided a handout of the May Financial report. Total of all accounts as of 5/31/2010 is \$13,971.68. A \$50.00 donation has been added to the OAHS Project. Marge Menacher handed in receipts for the Washington After School project which will be included on the June report.

Secretary's Report – Linda Baeten

No corrections were made. Linda suggested e-mailing/ mailing the Board Minutes to the members for easier review. All agreed.

OLD BUSINESS

Amish Bus Trip

Mary consulted Ken Friedman regarding the Amish buying trip. As no one requested a refund, it would be hard to come back to the bus company and ask for compensation, especially since the bill was paid in advance.

- We should consider not using Nation-Wide again.
- Confirm that a letter of complaint was sent to the bus Driver
- A letter of apology should be sent to the people who were on bus #2. Linda Baeten will consult with Marge and draft a letter.

WCMGA Charitable Organization

We are indeed a 501 C-3. Not a tax deductible organization, but a tax-exempt organization.

Purchase of Materials

The suggestion that the MGVs consider selecting a specific vendor in order to get a possible price break on plant material was discussed. Mary Weidenmeier received an e-mail stating this was not allowed in the past, due to not wanting to give the impression of our "stamp of approval" for one vendor over another. It was decided to let the Project Leads buy where they wish for their projects and not have official vendors.

New Brochure, Letterhead & Website

We are looking for consistency of color palate for our brochures, letterhead and website. Emily Dieringer had helped us in the past with the Winter Escape graphics, but is not available at this time. Roy Anne mentioned getting color numbers from Jean Reed who is working on the new website. We are looking into creating a matching letterhead. Roy Anne may know of someone who could help. Linda also has another possible candidate. We are hopeful that the new Website development is moving along.

NEW BUSINESS

SOPs

No progress has been made. Everyone involved is in a time crunch.

Annual Calendar

A copy of the existing, though revised, Annual Calendar was handed out that Alice and Ivan have produced from the SOPs. Discussion took place. The following are some suggestions:

January

- Update forms and list officers on website
- Reach out to non-renewing members

February - Reserve booth for the Home and Garden Show

June - Picnic

September - A good time to remind people to have their projects in for October.

October

- New project applications are due. The goal should be October, however we do not want to discourage people from creating projects. It will be at the Board's discretion when to accept project applications. If this makes it hard to produce a budget, we could fund X amount, and adjust later.
- Work with Nick to send a survey out with the October Newsletter.

Roy Anne will send us a draft of the updated Annual Calendar.

Nominating Committee - Audrey

Stan Meyer, Linda Baeten, Ivan Plako, and Sue Bohn all have their terms expire this fall. If anyone knows anyone who is interested, please contact Audrey. She is hoping to find some people new to the Board and may tap into the Project leads to identify possible candidates. Linda Tobey is also interested in being on the Board.

We are also looking for a Publicity Committee or person. An article should go in the newsletter with a job description. Roy Anne will contact Linda Werner for an article, and possibly e-mail it to the membership.

Education Committee – Roy Anne

- Finalizing the trip to Ball Horticulture, details will be forthcoming in the July Newsletter. It will be open to the membership for registration for the first two weeks, then to the general public after that.
- The CSA tour is scheduled for June 12th.

Fall Classes

- Start Tuesday, September 7th – the schedule needs to be on the Website.

Other New Business

- Worm Castings – we will order more worm castings. 4 barrels at 170 lbs each = 680 lbs. Ken Hawk will take a check to the prison and fill in the amount, believed to be \$544.00. Nick will arrange to pick them up and coordinate with Ken. Joe Weidenmeier will make labels for the

bags and include the website. Bags will need to be purchased. Bagging will take place in the UWEX garage.

- Nick mentioned a Plant Health Advisor on-line class is being offered. It is a self-study program that would result in a certificate. Moved and seconded Linda/Audrey to reimburse the cost of the class to interested Plant Health Advisors, if they achieve their certificate. Motion carried.
- Banners are being kept by Kathy Daniels and Dorothy Gayhart-Kunz. It was suggested we develop an equipment list.
- Linda Baeten agreed to be the contact person to get information to Jean Reed for the website. Feel free to send Linda information.
- Jerry Robak is looking for sunny perennials for the Octagon House Project.

Meeting adjourned 8:30.

Respectfully submitted,
Linda Baeten