

## **Master Gardener Board Meeting June 7, 2011**

The Meeting was called to order by Kathy Daniels, 6:00 pm.

**Present:** Mary Wiedenmeier, Kathy Daniels, Ivan Placko, Alice Graf, Jane Kuhn, Linda Baeten, Bob Potter, Ken Hawk, Carole Dorsch, Audrey Ruedinger, Roy Anne Moulton, Marge Menacher, Nick Schneider.

### **Treasurer's Report (handout)**

- Balance as of 5/31/11 is \$13,776.62.
- The cash box has not been located nor the start up money of \$50. *An email will go out to the membership.*

### **Secretary's report**

- There was no Business Meeting in May, but rather a garden walk. No minutes were taken.
- Linda will continue to email/mail the Board minutes to the Board members and to the website.
- The website now has all the newsletters listed which should include Business Meeting minutes.

### **OLD BUSINESS –**

#### **Scholarships**

Marge Menacher read letters from the FVTC scholarship recipients. Scholarship awards were given on May 11. Vickie Bartman and Melissa Barrows each received a \$500 award.

Marge also read a letter of thanks from FVTC. We are encouraged to continue donating scholarships. Tuition costs are going up. *Marge will share the letters in the newsletter. Alice/Linda moved and seconded to increase our donations to 3 scholarships at \$500 each. Motion approved.* Discussion followed on how to get recognition in the Northwestern. *Marge will call the school for permission; Linda could then send a press release to the Northwestern.*

Roy Anne reported Linda Werner may head a publicity committee and would do press releases for us.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

#### **Projects: Jane Kuhn and Ivan Placko**

Al and Judy Harms submitted a project request for the Park View vegetable garden for \$90.

Ann Gratton submitted 2 individual project applications. One was for Merit Badge Counselor for Environmental Science Boy Scout Merit Badge and the other was for a Rain Garden Educational Exhibit (Oshkosh Garden Club Flower Show – Grande Opera House). No cost.

*Ivan/Jane moved to accept the requests. Motion passed.*

**Habitat houses** – Mary got an email from David Leonard. They have 8 homes this year. He requested the maximum of \$500/year for the project. There is also has carry over money from the state grant from last year. We had agreed to do a tree for each property at \$50/tree. It is hard to find a tree for \$50. Mary would like to have David come and talk to the group. The project has evolved. Jane read the project application. *Ivan/Audrey moved to carry over the money from last year to help with this year's project. Motion carried. Mary will ask David to come and speak at the August Business meeting.*

### **Website:**

Nick has talked to Jean Reed. She has suggested using GoDaddy for hosting the website for the next 3 years. Nick suggested a UWEX staff person could be a back-up for updating the Website. Jean uses Dream Weaver software. This is expensive software. UWEX used to use Dreamweaver, but is now using Word Press. There is also free website software out there, such as Google. It would require much work to change from Dream Weaver. *Mary will respond to Jean's email to go ahead for 3 years with GoDaddy. The Board will revisit and explore software issues and options.*

### **Mentors**

*Nick would like to set up mentors for new members in August. He will put out a call to members if anyone is interested and get an article in the Newsletter.*

### **Fall Training - Nick**

We need to begin promotion of classes. There are Changes at the state level. Class format will be overhauled. Nick asked to be one of the hosts for the new format. Most class time will be at the Coughlin Center with a combination of hands-on experience and webinars. Field trips may not happen. Mike Mattox is the new program director, replacing Bob Tomesh. We will do the classes in the fall as last year.

Training information is on UWEX and WCMGA websites. *Nick will check on applications/information brochures. He also suggested putting up one of our wooden MG signs at the Farmer's Market site. Bob Potter will pick one up for the site.*

### **OTHER BUSINESS**

- **Next Garden Walk** will be at Karen Slover's property on Bradley Road, 5:30 pm. July 12. *Audrey will get a note in the newsletter. Karen will provide a lunch.*
- **Elections** – no news. *Mary will put the duties of the officers in the Newsletter for a starting point.*
- **September Board meeting** to be at Kathy's Daniels house.
- **Combining General Membership meetings with classes** will have to be timely due to the new format of classes being on computer. If the meetings got long, we could divide the room with the curtain.
- **Free tulips** at the Paine 8-12 and 1-4 for pick up.
- **Picnic next Tuesday 6:00 at Park View Great Room.** 51 responses so far. BBQ pulled pork. *Bring a dish to pass and a plant. Marge will bring left over seeds. Roy Anne has an icebreaker – share your favorite tool. Kathy will send out an email for tulips and tools. Linda Loker has suggested a stretching exercise program/demo at the picnic.*
- **News releases** for fall classes would be *provided by Linda Werner.*
- **State Convention** is August 5-7 in Madison. Information will be in the newsletter and websites.

Meeting adjourned 7:40 pm

**No Board meeting in July.**

Respectfully Submitted,  
Linda Baeten