

**Master Gardeners Board Meeting
July 6, 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, Marge Menacher. Also present was MG member Kim Scharpf, welcome!

Excused: Audrey Ruedinger, Nick Schneider.

Treasurer's Report –

Alice provided a handout of detailing revenue and expenses. The balance as of 6/30/10 is \$12,674.13. This includes 7,492.84 in checking, 5,081.29 in a CD, and \$100 cash on hand. It was noted that the cookbooks are selling at the new price of \$5.00.

Secretary's Report – Linda Baeten

No corrections were made. Linda will continue e-mailing/ mailing the Board Minutes to the members for easier review. They also get sent to Jean Reed and Linda Tobey for posting on the Website.

OLD BUSINESS

Amish Bus Trip

Linda Baeten had drafted a letter of apology to the riders of bus #2 with input from Board members. The letter went out June 23rd. At this point, no one present had heard a response from any who had received the letter. A total of 28 letters were sent. Some names were unavailable.

Worm Castings

Ken Hawk reported four barrels of worm castings were purchased, three of which have been bagged and labeled. One barrel remains unopened. All are being kept in the garage on the UW Extension grounds. The bagged castings are selling well at the Farmer's Market. Ken will write up a notice to let members know the bags are now available and submit it to the Newsletter and to Kathy for e-mail.

New Brochure, letterhead & website

Roy Anne has found someone to do our graphic design who works out of their home. She will be able to start in two weeks. Roy Anne has sent her a copy of the existing brochure and letterhead along with the color pallet being used on our new website. Discussion followed on whether we would need a contract for the work. It was decided by consensus that a contract wasn't necessary, but a quote would be helpful.

NEW BUSINESS

SOPs

No progress due to vacations and lack of time.

Annual Calendar

Roy Anne provided a draft of an updated Annual Calendar.

- A column has been added "Action by Whom" which would name either an officer, or position.

- The calendar could be used to help set up the agenda for the Board meetings.
- Needs to add the scholarship time-frame and asked for confirmation on the County Fair awards. Sue Bohn confirmed the Fair dates.
 - Discussion followed on what to call the County Fair events. A proposal is turned in and volunteers are able to get hours; therefore it should be listed as a project. The Home and Garden Show should also be listed as a project, and both would be considered Community Education.
- Set up to address the item before it is due/happens.
- Both start time and event time should be listed.

Roy Anne asked the Board Members to review the Annual Calendar draft and re-address it at the August Board Meeting.

Nominating Committee - Audrey

Audrey was not present today. Linda Tobey has expressed interest in serving on the Board. The positions of Secretary, Vice President and one Board Member (Stan) are up for renewal. Past officers are required to spend one year on the Board after they leave office for continuity. Mary will check with Audrey on her progress in finding new candidates.

Education Committee – Roy Anne

- Ball Horticulture Garden Tour –
 - 9 people have signed up so far.
 - Lawanda will do an article. We usually get the best response from her articles.
 - Roy Anne will announce it on the Facebook Page.
 - Kathy Daniels will send out an e-mail to the membership with a deadline date before opening it to the public.
- Roy Anne has begun to think about next year’s educational offerings. A meeting of the Education Committee will be scheduled soon.

Fall Classes

- Nick had an article in the July Newsletter for Fall Classes.
- There will be an introductory class on July 29th
- The deadline to sign up is August 13th.
- A contract must be signed and a background check done to attend MG classes.
- A notice has been submitted, but has not appeared on the Website at this point.

Other New Business

- **Report on the CSA Tour – Roy Anne**
 - Though only 6 people attended, it was a very interesting day. Two CSAs were visited and a beekeeper. One CSA served 700 people from 15 acres. The other one also had 15 acres, but served less people. The beekeeper used no chemicals and did not transport the bees. “Field and Fork”, a restaurant using local produce was visited in Sheboygan.
 - Will try and do it again next year and perhaps rent a van.
 - Other CSA operations were mentioned such as “Growing Power”, Will Allen’s inner urban garden in the Milwaukee area.
- **State Conference** – a question came up whether we should pay for our State Representative to attend the State Conference. The Rep would then be able to report back to the membership.

Moved and seconded, Placko/Potter to pay the registration fee, reimburse mileage at the State rate, and offer up to \$100 for accommodations for a representative to attend the State Conferences. Motion carried unanimously, voice vote. Linda Baeten will call Bob Kosanke to inform him of the decision. He will be able to submit the expenses to Alice after the convention if he chooses.

- **Publicity Committee** – Linda Werner had written an article regarding the formation of a Publicity Committee. It did not get in the July Newsletter. Kathy will send the letter out in an e-mail and by U.S. mail to the membership.
- **Habitat for Humanity** – Dave Leonard has asked to have the name of this project changed from “Fox Cities Habitat for Humanity” to “Habitat for Humanity Partners” as it includes some Oshkosh projects.
- **Project Book** - Ivan will update the Project Book for the up-coming Fall Classes. Sue Bohn will send him the information she has.
- **County Fair – Sue Bohn**
 - Sue asked if we could fund the day passes for volunteers at the County Fair as we did last year. Agreed by consensus.
 - She is waiting from the Fair Committee regarding the 4-H scholarships that we offer.
 - The Fair is on August 3 to 8. Volunteers will be needed in shifts from 3 to 7:00 pm. A call for volunteers will be put out.
- **Garden Walk** – Linda Baeten
 - July 13 at 6:00 pm at Linda’s, 1112 Merritt Ave, Oshkosh.
 - A notice was in the July Newsletter. Linda will also mention it on our Facebook Page.
- **UWEX report of copies and expenses** – Alice. We received a report of all the copies and mailings for the time period of 5/29/09 to 4/12/10. The total bill for copies and postage came to \$953.37 for a year’s worth. It is still less expensive for us to use the Extension office. Alice will pay the bill. It was noted that the money collected for MG Classes comes to our Association.

Meeting adjourned approximately 8:00.

Respectfully submitted,
Linda Baeten