

Master Gardener Board Meeting August 2, 2011

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

Present: Mary Wiedenmeier, Alice Graf, Jane Kuhn, Linda Baeten, Sue Bohn, Bob Potter, Ken Hawk, Carole Dorsch, Roy Anne Moulton, Marge Menacher, Nick Schneider.

Excused: Kathy Daniels, Ivan Placko, Audrey Ruedinger

Also Present: David Leonard, Jean Reed and new MG, Kathy Lewandowski.

Habitat for Humanity Presentation – (handout provided)

Dave Leonard gave an informative presentation to the Board on the Habitat Project.

- They serve Oshkosh and the Greater Fox Cities.
- Habitat provides only grass seed. Usually seeded after the first year, and then a follow up the next year.
- Partnering with Master Gardeners is a great fit.
- Dave explained the budgeting process for Habitat
- 21 families have been served to date
- Always looking for donations, could increase the amount WCMGA provides, could also use donated plant material.
- Compost, rain barrels, top soil, tools are issues for the future
- Always looking for more volunteers, as the program is growing
- **Dave will do a presentation and explain the MG role at a future MG Business meeting.**

Website – Nick had discussed our situation with Jean regarding getting a new host and having backup responsibilities. Jean Reed brought us up to date on recent changes to our website:

- A credit card was needed to purchase “Go Daddy” as a host for our website. The total was \$186.84 for 3 years. Jean submitted a bill to Alice. **Jean will do the transfer of the Domain name next week.** She will let us know when as there will be a certain amount of “down time”.
- We are looking for a person familiar with computers to train for back-up. This would be for content only, not design. **Mary Wiedenmeier will contact Mary Haave to see if she is interested.**
- Linda Baeten would like rights to post minutes, update forms.

Mentors/ Classes – Nick Schneider

- Nick is looking for MG mentors towards the end of the Basic training classes. Board Members or past Board Members would be good.
- Class Kick-off meeting is coming up. **Alice and Mary Wiedenmeier will attend.** Only 1 has registered at this point, but we expect to get more at the Kick-off, and in the coming weeks.
- **Nick will get a list of those interested generated at the Farmer’s Market.**
- We are a pilot project for the new format developed by Mike Mattox. It consists of webinars, discussion time and hands-on experience. If it doesn’t work out for us, we can go back to Nick, Roy Anne and Audrey teaching the classes.
- Current members may sit in.
- Class meets from the first Tuesday in September to the Tuesday before Thanksgiving.

Treasurer's Report (handout) – Alice Graf

- This report covers the months of June and July.
- Balance as of 7/31/11 is \$12,094.97.
- The cash box has not been located nor the start up money of \$50. **Alice added the amount to the cost of Winter Escape, Summer Dreams.**
- Our Certificate of Deposit comes due on August 22, 2011. **We decided to let it renew.**
- **Mary Wiedenmeier will see that reminders for membership dues go out in the next Newsletter, and reaffirm the next Business Meeting date.**

Secretary's report – Linda Baeten

- June Board minutes were mailed or emailed to Board Members.
- There was no Business Meeting in June or July. No minutes were taken.
- There was no Board Meeting in July. No minutes were taken.
- **Linda will continue to email/mail the Board minutes to the Board members and to the website.**

Burt Carpenter Memorial – Mary Wiedenmeier

- **The City of Oshkosh has a Memorial Tree program sponsored by the Southwest Rotary. They will plant a tree for us and provide a marker.**
- **Audrey will follow through with the details.**
- **Roy Anne moved to allow \$250 to be spent for a memorial tree. Second by Bob Potter. Motion carried unanimously.**
- **Mary will get in touch with Audrey and Alice will provide a check.**
- Sue Bohn reported an area of the Waukau Nature Preserve has been dedicated to Burt.
- We may need to add a piece to the SOPs/By Laws under the Sunshine Committee, regarding tree memorials.

August Garden Walk

- None scheduled at this time.

Nomination Committee

- Nothing has developed at this time.
- **Need to have Lawanda put a letter in the Newsletter for September.** Duties were listed in the July Newsletter.

Shoreline Restoration – Mary Wiedenmeier

- There is a committee forming for the restoration of shoreline along Aimes Point in Menomonee Park, Oshkosh. Native plants will be used.
- Volunteers will be needed. If MGs want to help on this project, hours could count.
- Donations are welcome too.
- The project is to run between September and October.
- **Mary will write an article for the September Newsletter and submit a project request.**

Grant Suggestions – Roy Anne

- \$400, \$250, and \$100 grants are available to us. The due date to apply is October 1st.
- Suggestions included Habitat, Speakers, and scholarship money.

- **Roy Anne will write an article for the Newsletter and get it on the Agenda for the September Business meeting.**

Education Committee Report – Roy Anne

- Linda Loker and Roy Anne looked into reserving Reeve Union at UWO for next year's Winter Escape Summer Dreams. No Deposit was given.
- Event scheduled for February 25, 2012,
- Roy Anne did not receive a response from Don Engebretsen, but has some other leads. The Committee will meet soon to discuss.
- Roy Anne, Audrey and Marge Bolding went on a "scouting expedition" to the East Coast to visit Chanticleer, Longwood, and other gardens. **Roy Anne would like to give a presentation at the next Business Meeting and ask for a show of hands to see what interest there may be for a trip. The Board agreed by consensus to have Roy Anne give a presentation. Mary will put it on the Agenda**

Other items:

- Shortened meetings: Sept, Oct, and Nov Business meetings will be held prior to the Basic Fall Classes.
- County Fair: Sue Bohn reported the winners of the produce contest still need to be announced.
- Marty Stacksteder: is moving, discussed protocol for gift giving.
- State Conference: Marge Menacher is going to attend with a few other MGs. She will "scout" for guest speakers.

Next Board Meeting: September 6, 2011

Next Business Meeting: September 13, 2011

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Respectfully submitted,
Linda Baeten, Secretary
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