

Winnebago County Master Gardener Association  
Board Meeting Minutes  
August 2, 2016

1. Treasurers report for July was presented by Joni Pagel and approved by the board.
2. Secretary's report: The board minutes for June are on the WCMG website.
3. Project Updates: Projects are active and looking beautiful.
4. Project paperwork timelines: New project proposals should be in by the end of this year, renewals are due March 1. However, as some ideas or requests for projects come up at any time, proposals can be brought forward at any time.
5. Evaluation form for projects: Eric led an exercise to determine what would be on an evaluation form for projects, and he will develop a checklist as the tool for this.
6. August 9<sup>th</sup> Garden walk: A garden walk will be held the Omro Library and at the Veterans Memorial from 4 to 6pm.
7. Therapeutic garden training: will ask membership/gauge interest at September meeting for interest in full day or half day training and when to hold this.
8. Rain Gardens Project: Kimberly identified there is a need for education help, signage and display creation and help with maintaining the newly established Rain Garden at the Coughlin Center. Kimberly will fill out the project proposal paperwork, and will bring to the September membership meeting to ask for a lead and workers.
9. Live Green Event Sept 10<sup>th</sup>: Top Brands is hosting a first time Live Green Event on September 10<sup>th</sup> at Leach Amphitheatre and we were asked to participate. Kathy will contact the organizer to determine if composting is an acceptable topic to cover, and will send out to membership to see if anyone would want to do this booth.
10. Education committee update:  
The Minnesota trip was a success, and did turn a profit despite being in low in participation numbers. However, the trip was informative, garnered about 9 education hours for participants and also connected us to a keynote speaker for WE/SD. Future planning will be for smaller half day workshops and some day trips. They are working on a one day Madison trip for this fall.
11. Extension update: Level 1 training orientation session is August 16<sup>th</sup> at 6pm  
Invasive species training is this Friday, August 5<sup>th</sup>.  
There will be a paddler event on September 17<sup>th</sup> from 8 to noon at Winneconne for detecting invasive species on our waterways.
12. Clothing orders lead: Marty has stepped down as the lead for clothing orders, so we will be asking for someone to take that on at the September member meeting.
13. Speaker for the September member meeting will be one of our Extension educators who will discuss preserving food, and October Kimberly will present proper tree trimming.