

Date 9/4/18 Board Meeting Minutes

Present were: Kathy Schultz, Linda Loker, Co-Presidents, Eric Kropp, Nancy Karuhn, Co-vice Presidents, Joni Pagel, Treasurer, Ann Abraham, Secretary, Diane Iott, Jan Wetterau-Houge, Linda Werner, Kimberly Miller, UWEX Advisor.

Excused: Susan Forbes, Lori Berndt

Treasurer Report: All in balance was read into the minutes.

Secretary Report: June & August minutes were read. Linda Werner made the motion to accept the minutes with the corrections made, Diane Iott second. Vote: 9 yes 0 no.

Project Updates: Shattuck Park and Parkview prairie are still in need of a project leads.

Education Committee Report: Workshops are being set up. In the spring There may be a workshop on talking about potatoes. Winter escapes~ summer dreams speaker Amanda Thompson from Kiss My Aster will be selling her book. There may be a 50/50 raffle instead of doing the baskets. There was talk of reserving up to 10 rooms at the Hawthorn Suites for out of town guests attending or guests speakers. We need a 4H sponsor or co-sponsors. We have two people interested. October first scholarship grants applications are due.

UWEX Update Report: Board members were asked to fill out a Swot analysis worksheet and have them back to Kimberly by the October meeting. 13 new interns will be in the next training class.

New Business: Elections in October has the following openings, Vice President or co-vice presidents, secretary, and two board members. We need a nominating committee, also all board members need to come up with names of candidates. Debbie Quandt's application letter came in in time for the scholarship grant, but we didn't have access to it in time. Everything was correctly done on time.

Via email to board members, a decision was reached to offer two \$50.00 scholarships each year to the State Conference for Master gardeners. Interested members in good standing can apply for the scholarship by filling out the WCMGA State Conference Scholarship application.

The two winning applications will be chosen in a lottery drawing that will contain all completed applications during the August board meeting.

The selected members will be reimbursed the \$50.00 by presenting a check reimbursement form and a receipt for the conference registration. The selected members will also agree to share something they learned at the October member meeting, or by a short article in the newsletter.

For the record, favorable response to this proposal was received from board members Linda Werner, Jan Wetterau-Houge, Nancy Karuhn, Joni Pagel, Susan Forbes, Ann Abraham, Eric Kropp, Linda Loker, Kathy Schultz. Members who had no response, Diane Lott and Lori Berndt.

Future decisions made outside board meetings via email shall include a final email with the motion clearly stated. Board members will vote yes or no by responding to "all" in the email. The president(s) will count the vote and indicate if it passed or failed. The motion will then be recorded at the next board meeting, with the information regarding the vote via email included in the minutes.

December awards banquet will be on the 4<sup>th</sup>. Linda Werner made a motion that all regular members + guests to pay the reduced price and all new interns to come free. Jan Wetterau-Houge second the motion. Those in favor, 9 yes, no 0.

Motion: To adjourn the meeting by Eric Kropp, second by Jan Wetterau – Houge.

Vote: Yes 9, No 0.