

Master Gardener Board Meeting September 6, 2011

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

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

Excused: Kathy Daniels, Sue Bohn,

Also Present: Sue Egner and Ruth Freye. Welcome!

Treasurer's Report – Alice (handout)

- We have a total of \$14,150.75 in the treasury. Alice will deduct \$50.00 from the cash on hand due to the missing cash box and money that was never found.
- 20 new members are taking the Fall Classes this year. Roy Ann requested an electronic copy of the class list so new members can be added to our master mailing list for publicity.
- Membership dues are not included in this report.
- Al and Judy Harms were approved for \$90.00 for the Park View Vegetable garden.

Secretary's Report – Linda Baeten

- August Board minutes were emailed/mailed to Board Members and to Jean Reed for posting on the Website.
- Minutes were approved by the Board.

OLD BUSINESS

Burt Carpenter Memorial Tree

- \$250 has been allocated to plant a tree in memory of Burt Carpenter. Audrey has been in touch with Alice Carpenter and will confer with her regarding choice of tree.

Shoreline Preservation

- Mary Wiedenmeier will continue to pursue this project.

NEW BUSINESS

September Basic Training

- Our Business meeting on September 13 will begin at 5:30 to accommodate the Basic Class. Mary will talk to Nick regarding a joint meeting and class logistics.

Nominating Committee Report

- Audrey and Roy Anne have not had any leads and have been strapped for time. An article did appear in the Newsletter.
- Alice had asked Patty Schmitz if she was interested, but she was not.
- Sue Egner was willing to become a nominee for Treasurer. Thank you Sue!
- Alice will gather information from the membership renewals to see if anyone indicated they would be interested in holding an office.
- We still need a president and two Board Members. Bob and Ken's terms expire.
- Marge Menacher is willing to be a nominee for Board Member. Thank you Marge!

- Roy Anne and Audrey will do a presentation at the next Business meeting explaining the Board and Officer logistics.

Wild Ones Project Request

Mary received an email via Lawanda Jungwirth from Carol Niendorf of the Wild Ones regarding whether WCMGA members can count volunteer hours for certification when volunteering at the Wild Center.

- Nick advised they do a Project Application.
- Those counting hours would have to be Certified Master Gardeners or if uncertified, work with a Certified Master Gardener.
- Mary has filled out an application and is willing to be the lead.
- No money is involved and the project would be on-going
- Moved and seconded Linda/Bob to accept an application for the Wild Ones to be a core project for Master Gardeners (such as we have with the Paine Gardens)
- Audrey will readjust the language on the application to fit our goals.

Education Committee Report – Roy Anne

- No one has come forth with a suggestion of how to spend State Grant money. Roy Anne will ask for more input at the next Business meeting. If nothing else comes up, she will apply for funds to help with Winter Escape/Summer Dreams.
- Winter Escape/Summer Dreams will be held February 4 with guest speaker Don Engebretsen. The event will take place at Reeve Memorial Union at UWO.
- There will be a bus trip to the Madison Garden Expo on February 11.
- There will be a March pruning workshop again. Exact date and place to be determined. We may be able to go to Dave Leonard's and/or Dorothy Bonin's.
- A trip to Philadelphia is being planned for May 2 and 3 and will include viewing Longwood, Winterthur, Nemours and Chanticleer gardens.
- A bus trip to the Master Gardener Regional Conference is being planned for July 20 to 22, and takes place in Minnesota this year.
- There will be no bus trip to the Chicago Flower and garden show this year.
- No one from the Education Committee has come forward to take Audrey's place in planning programs and finding speakers. Roy Anne or Audrey will bring it up at the Business meeting. Audrey is willing to work with her replacement and will put an article in the Newsletter.
- Ivan announced the Octagon House will be having their Country Fair on October 1. All are welcome.

2012 Project Application Update & Website Post

- It was noted that the Core Project application form is not date specific, but the Individual Project forms still are. Linda Baeten will contact Jean Reed to get the website forms up to date.
- Progress was made on the website in that we decided to go with a new host. Jean was going to transfer the information.

Lead for Festival of Spring Booth

- Ken is stepping down from the Paine Festival of Spring Booth. He will check with Betty Kuhn, Paine MG liaison, and Bob and Arlene Kosanke for a possible replacement.

OTHER REPORTS

Ruth Freye gave us a report on the Menasha Community Gardens. She needed to get reimbursed for expenses that went over the original \$300 request. Alice provided a check

requisition form. Audrey moved and Ivan seconded to approve an additional \$200 for the project. Motion carried unanimously. Ruth also received the Goodwill Outstanding Achiever Award for her work at the Community Gardens. Goodwill helps sponsor the gardens. Congratulations Ruth!

Meeting Adjourned 7:20 pm

Next Board Meeting: October 4, 2011, 6:00 pm

Next Business Meeting: October 11, 2011, 5:30 pm

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Respectfully submitted,
Linda Baeten, Secretary
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