

Master Gardeners Board Meeting September 7, 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, Roy Anne Moulton, Marge Menacher, Audrey Ruedinger.

Excused: Ken Hawk.

Treasurer's Report –

Alice handed out a copy of the financial report as of August 31, 2010. Total of all accounts is \$12,641.81

- The Board decided at the August meeting to renew the CD for one year, however, it actually was renewed for only another 6 months. Mary Weidenmeier apologized for the oversight. The Board was agreeable.
- The last of the cookbooks have been turned over to Dorothy to sell at the Farmer's Market.
- A project recap was included with the financial statement. We did well financially on our trips. More income is expected to come in from the Ball Horticulture trip.

Secretary's Report – Linda Baeten

No corrections were made to the August Board Minutes. 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

MG Brochure – Roy Anne

Communications Committee members at this point include Synda Jones, Linda Tobey, Jean Reed, Lawanda Jungwirth, Linda Werner, Dawn Kent, Mary Wiedenmeier and Kathy Daniels. A meeting was scheduled but Linda Werner was unable to participate due to an illness in her family. They propose to talk about needs, split up responsibilities and decide how to effectively work together. The Graphic Artist chosen to work on the brochure has a draft.

Grants – Roy Anne

We are eligible for the \$250 and the \$100 grants from the State MGs. We need a project that could apply for the grant. Discussion followed. Suggestions were:

- Purchase of a camera to help the Plant Health Advisors, to be kept at the office. Suggested talking to Nick and apply the \$100 grant.
- Apply the \$250 grant toward the printing costs for the new brochure.

October 15th is the deadline to apply. Roy Anne will draft the proposals.

2010 Basic Class / 2010 Specialized Class / Past MG Survey & recruitment letter - Mary

- The results of the survey were handed out. Discussion followed.
- The September Business meeting will be held at the Paine Carriage House at 5:30 pm. Basic Class starts immediately after the meeting. Park on Congress St.
- The October Business meeting will be held at the Coughlin Center at 5:30.

NEW BUSINESS

State Representative & Committee Chairs

- Hopefully Synda Jones will Chair the new Communications Committee.
- Discussion on whether we need a Sunshine Committee. Perhaps a mention in the Newsletter is all that is needed. No decision made at this point.
- Bob Kosanke would continue as State Rep unless there is another who is willing.

Nominations – Audrey

- Audrey has contacted prospective candidates by either phone or email. The offices of Vice President, Secretary and Board Member were addressed.
- Found some interest for State Rep.
- Ivan will run for VP, but Linda would step down as Secretary if another is willing.
- An email will go out to the membership encouraging others to step forward and run for office.

Education Committee – Roy Anne

August Bus Trip –

- 50 participated, positive comments were received and Roy Anne expects to clear \$1,600.
- Will consider an overnight trip in the future.

The Education Committee has met for preparation of next year's events. They meet again tomorrow.

- Looking at doing another 1 day event in February on the 26th.
- The search for speakers has begun.
- Looking at alternative venues.

Awards Dinner – Mary and Kathy

Kathy had checked into possible restaurants for the upcoming Awards Dinner.

- Bridgewood – no room fee, but have to purchase their food. Includes appetizer and dessert for \$17-25.00, and \$50.00 for bar set up.
- Hilton Garden Inn - \$50.00 for bar set up, \$150 for the room on a Monday, otherwise \$300.
- Oshkosh Convention Center would charge \$300 for a half-room and \$500 for a full room on a Monday, not including food.

New Project Proposal – Mary

Cathy Paynter, Director of Continuing Education at the UW Fox Valley, who is also an Outagamie MG, approached Mary with a project proposal. This would be a joint project with Outagamie and Winnebago MGs to restore the grounds at UW Fox Valley, including: Renovation of existing landscaping, plant selection, pruning and maintenance. The Board, by consensus, did not want to take on this project as it would involve a lot of heavy work and maintenance. Our focus is sharing knowledge.

SOPs

A proposed update to the SOPs was handed out. Discussion took place. It was decided to devote the October Board meeting to the continuing discussion of the SOPs rather than try to schedule a special meeting of the Board.

Meeting adjourned approximately 8:00.

Respectfully submitted,

Linda Baeten