

## **Winnebago County Master Gardener Board Meeting October 2, 2012**

**Present:** Linda Petek, Co-President; Jane Kuhn, Co-Vice President; Ivan Placko, Co-Vice President; Sue Egner, Treasurer; Linda Baeten, Secretary; Roy Anne Moulton, Education Committee; Marge Menacher; Carole Dorsch; Audrey Ruedinger; Alice Graf; Diana Dougherty; Anne Murphy; Mary Wiedenmeier & Kathy Daniels, Past Co-Presidents; and Nick Schneider, MG Advisor, UWEX.

**Excused:** Mary Shepard, Co-President

The meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m.

### **Treasurers report – Sue Egner, handout**

- We have \$16,220.11 in the treasury as of September 30, 2012. Sue explained the report.
- Dues will go to the state in January for State Memberships.
- Some projects still need to turn in expenses.

### **Secretary report – Linda Baeten**

- The minutes were sent to Jean Reed to post on the website, and Business minutes were in the Newsletter.
- Linda Baeten will bring a print-out of the Membership list to pass around at the Business Meeting, proofread the names and addresses and get the list to Katie by October 19<sup>th</sup>. Information still needs to be determined such as years of service, certification status and the new officers' names. Nick will forward the Hours sheets to Linda to determine who is a voting member and Alice will send last year's membership list.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

### **Annual Report - Sue Bohn**

- Every year, a report is sent to the state from each Master Gardener organization to be included in the Annual Report. Sue asked Board Members to identify 5 projects from this year to include in the report. She will take information from the project summary reports to write up the report. Working with diverse populations is the theme this year. Suggestions included: Animal shelter, PV Flower Arranging, UW Menasha Community Gardens, Invasive Project at North High School Conservancy, Home & Garden Show, Plant Health Advisors. It was also suggested to include information on Winter Escape/Summer Dreams and the Pennsylvania Trip.
- Summary reports usually do not come in until November from the Project leads. They are due December 1<sup>st</sup>. Ivan will send out a request to have the leads send in an early blurb. Sue would like to send her report to the State by the end of October, but we have until November. She is allowed only a brief description of how the project impacted the community.
- Sue asked if we would want to do our own report for the year, as so much of what we do does not get in the State's Annual Report. Discussion took place. Project reports could be used, but would need work to make them into a readable format.
- Sue would welcome any photographs.

### **Remembrance for John Procknow - Audrey**

- Audrey shared some moments. Master Gardeners meant a lot to John.

- Bill Weber and Park View are interested in allowing the MGs to plant a tree in John's memory, or provide a bench. Audrey will know by Friday if we are able, as they would need to make an exception.
- Another idea would be to do a tree memorial with the City of Oshkosh. Discussed cost. Alice will check with Lakeshore golf course to see what they do for memorial benches. Audrey will check with Karen at Park View. Moved/second, Kathy Daniels/Diana Dougherty, to spend up to \$250 for a memorial. Motion carried unanimously.

### **Roy Anne – Grants**

Grants have been applied for with help from Alice and Anne.

- We had requested \$400 for display boards and materials for the Home and Garden Show, but Joni and Cindy declined, as they felt the money could be better spent for something else. Roy Anne and Anne substituted the School Project.
- The \$250 grant was for funds to purchase MG signs from West High School.
- The \$100 grant was for a pop-up canopy for the Farmer's Market. (Nick pointed out that we have one stored at UWEX. A second one would be useful.)

### **Nick Schneider –**

- Speaker requests for Winneconne have been taken care of.
- Regarding Newsletters – we mail out 8-9 hard copies. Nick asked if the Board was OK to have these printed in black & white. Board agreed by consensus.
- Communications – when sending items to Katie that need to go out to the membership, please be specific as to whom to send to, and give clear instructions.
  - Linda Petek also mentioned it is OK for Katie to ask us if she needs clarification.
  - It is OK to have Linda Petek send out emails as well.
  - It is OK to have Diana email the Newsletter, just let Katie know to mail out the hard copies.
- Website – the older software we currently use makes it difficult to have others do posting. Nick suggested we could add a webpage to the UWEX website for urgent messages. Discussion. Nick has had the office save all the info on our website. We could go with Go Daddy. Linda will call Jean.
- Hours report for this past year - Due by October 20 to the state.
  - 7300 in community service
  - 1100 for community education
  - 375 in youth education
  - 1500 for continuing education

### **Grow Power Trip - Marge Menacher**

- 29 signed up, 12 have paid.
- After Grow Power, we will stop in Cedarburg. Michael Yanny will be at Johnson's Nursery in Cedarburg.
- An e-mail was sent it out via Kimberly. Marge will bring copies to the business meeting.
- The bus can hold 59.

### **Nominations – Mary Wiedenmeier**

- Kathy Johnson is thinking about running for the board. She was in last year's class, and has joined us for tonight's meeting.

- Mary has some names to call for the secretary position.
- Audrey is retiring so we will need a Board Member at Large.
- Vice presidents will run again.
- The Past vice president position will be vacant, and the Board will be able to appoint someone.

#### **Golden Trowel Awards –**

- Recipients need to meet the criteria of 5 years membership, accumulative hours of 850, and be a board member or project lead.
- Linda Baeten, Linda Werner & Ruth Freye (the last 3 recipients) will determine who should get the award this year. Linda will ask for suggestions at the Business meeting.
- Stan Meyer has arranged for the plaque in the past. Linda will ask if he is willing to do this again.

#### **Awards Dinner – Linda Petek**

- The cost of renting Bridgewood went up \$2.00 to \$21.00 per person. Last year we charged \$17.00 per person with the remainder of the cost coming from the Membership treasury. It was moved/second, Placko/Dougherty, to do the same this year. Motion carried unanimously. Linda Petek will inform the membership.
- It was further decided to call names for awards, have people stand, and list their names on the screen, rather than run the awards around the room. Members may pick up their awards later. Those not in attendance, will receive theirs by mail. New members will be recognized as usual.
- Door prizes: Diana will work on these. It was moved/second, Kuhn/Ruedinger, to spend \$300 on door prizes. Motion carried unanimously.
- Linda Petek will need the Hours Sheets to order the disks for the awards banquet.

#### **Speaker – Linda Petek**

Dani Stolley of Growing Oshkosh, will speak at the October business meeting. There is a website [www.facebook.com/growingoshkosh](http://www.facebook.com/growingoshkosh) She will begin her talk at 5:30.

#### **OTHER NEW BUSINESS**

##### **Gift Certificate - Diana**

Sunshine Committee will send either a \$25 dollar gift certificate or plant to Mary Shepard when she gets home.

#### **Adjourn –**

Kuhn/Egner to adjourn 7:50.

Respectfully submitted,

Linda Baeten, Secretary

Winnebago County Master Gardener Volunteer Association