

Master Gardener Board Meeting

October 4, 2011

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

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

Treasurer's Report – Alice (handout)

- Total of all Accounts as of 9/30/11 is \$15,885.55

Secretary's Report – Linda Baeten

- September Board minutes were emailed/mailed to Board Members and to Jean Reed for posting on the Website.
- Board Minutes were approved by the Board,
- There was a correction to the Business minutes from September. Linda had recorded Mary Wiedenmeier called the meeting to order, but Mary was not there, and it was Kathy Daniels who called the meeting. Linda will announce the correction at the next Business meeting, Oct. 11.

OLD BUSINESS

Memorials for Burt Carpenter and Vi Ginnow

- Audrey had talked to Agnes: they decided on an Ivory Silk Japanese Lilac to be planted in Burt's memory at Abe Rochelin Park. Audrey will get an article in the Newsletter.
- A card and a \$50.00 memorial were sent to Vi Ginnow's daughter.

NEW BUSINESS

Elections - Audrey

- There are 5 nominees for the 2 Board positions:
- Sue Egner is the only nominee for Treasurer
- No one has been nominated for President
- According to the By Laws, the Vice President would assume the duties in the absence of the President.
- Discussion took place on the By Laws/SOPs regarding elections
- Mary will make another plea for a candidate at the October Business meeting.
- Thanks to Audrey and the nominating committee for all their work.
- Roy Anne will send a note to the nominees to have them give a short "bio" at the business meeting, and have something printed in the Newsletter as well.

Hours – fall classes 2010 - Mentor

- Mary mentioned that Patty Schmitz' may have not received all the hours from members due to email problems. It appears the 2010 class has not turned in hours. Nick and Julie are working on a list to see who might be missing. Calls will be made.
- Mary passed around a spreadsheet listing member's hours.
- A suggestion of having a mentor for hours was discussed. The Board felt we have an understanding that anyone may contact a Board member for direction on hours.

Emeritus Status

- Alice received an email from Linda Tobey requesting Emeritus status. The By Laws were consulted and Linda is Eligible.
- Linda Baeten will contact Linda Tobey to inform her of the Board's approval. A notice will go in the Newsletter and she will be recognized at the Award Banquet.
- Linda Baeten will also confirm whether Linda Tobey will continue producing the Newsletter.

Mugs for Members

- Mary and Kathy made a proposal to purchase mugs from 4 Imprint with the Master Gardener Logo on them to give to members at the Award Banquet instead of giving Door Prizes. 100 mugs would cost

\$441.25 including shipping. 125 mugs would be ordered. Those not attending the banquet would also be entitled to a mug. Alice moved, Bob Potter seconded, motion carried unanimously. Kathy will order the mugs.

- Alice proposed doing another order for Cobra tools at the next Business meeting. She will be unable to attend and Jane will take the orders. Examples will be available.

Education Committee – Roy Anne

- Roy Anne sent in grant applications: Marge Menacher requested \$400 to be used for 3 FVTC scholarships. Roy Anne requested \$250 for Winter Escape/Summer Dreams speakers and \$100 for the Habitat project.
- The Education Committee is working on Winter Escape:
 - The second speaker will be Mark May, topic is vegetables.
 - Brochures are almost ready and will go out after January 1st.
 - No “save the date” cards this time.
 - Cost is \$35.00 before January 20th, and \$40 after.
 - We can accommodate up to 288 people
- A commitment for the May Philadelphia trip will be needed by April. Open to Master Gardeners. Space is limited. Roy Anne will do a slide presentation to the membership in January.

Annual Report – Sue Bohn

- Sue asked for input to put together a draft.
 - Susan Mahr from the State Organization will provide the 2010 membership data.
 - Should contain list of projects and highlight one major project. Mary Wiedenmeier will help, send Sue a file of past reports, and suggest a project to highlight.
 - Roy Anne could contribute the 15 minute intro to Winter Escape.
 - A copy of the State’s 2008 Master Gardener Program report was passed around.

Website

- Linda Baeten has contacted Jean Reed regarding updates to the Website. Linda will send Jean corrected forms to be listed in the Member Area. Changing forms directly on the site is not an option at this time.

Any New Business

- Need to add “Golden Trowel Committee” activity to October on the Annual Calendar. Criteria exists for Golden Trowel eligibility (see last year’s Newsletter). Linda Baeten and Linda Werner were the last two recipients and will decide who gets the award this year together with Stan Meyer. This committee will get an article in the October Newsletter for members to give suggestions. Mention will be made at the October Business Meeting.
- Park View Prairie Garden is in jeopardy. Ken reported the demolition of Park View is happening soon. They will be fencing the area next week. The concrete is to be removed around the Prairie Garden as well. Discussion took place regarding saving the surrounding gardens.
- Ken has contacted Betty Kuhn as a replacement for the Paine Festival of Spring booth. Ken will help with the transition and Bob Kosanke will lend his support.
- Mary pointed out that many projects are missed being posted on the calendar in the Newsletter. Jane will write a blurb for the newsletter asking Project Leads to contact Linda Tobey with their meetings and events for posting to the calendar.

Meeting Adjourned 7:45 pm

Next Board Meeting: November 1, 2011, 6:00 pm

Respectfully submitted,
Linda Baeten, Secretary
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