

**Master Gardeners Board Meeting  
October 5, 2010**

The Meeting was called to order by Mary Wiedenmeier, 5:00 pm

Present: Mary Wiedenmeier, Kathy Daniels, Ivan Placko, Linda Baeten, Sue Bohn, Stan Meyer, Bob Potter, Ken Hawk, Roy Anne Moulton, Marge Menacher, Audrey Ruedinger.

Excused: Alice Graf

Also present: Marge Bolding

**Treasurer's Report –**

A handout was provided. Total of all accounts is \$18,347.78

- Project leads can still turn in expenses until the end of the year.
- Congratulations to Roy Anne and the Education/Trip committee for bringing in revenue this year.
- Two boxes of cookbooks were recently found. An e-mail will go out asking if members have any unsold cookbooks in their possession.
- The sale of Cobra tools was considered a good idea. It's a great tool.

**Secretary's Report – Linda Baeten**

No corrections were made to the September Board Minutes.

**Other Reports:**

**Nominations and November elections – Audrey**

- Ivan will be traveling a lot next year and is concerned about the effect that may have on the office of Vice President.
- No one has stepped forward for Secretary at this point.
- Six people are interested in serving as a Board Member
- Audrey is looking for biographies from the candidates to publish in the Newsletter before the elections.
- It was suggested to write up "job descriptions" outlining the duties of the Officers and Board Members.
- Linda Baeten will create a ballot form and work with Audrey to list the names of those running.
- The Board will look for a way to keep the pool of candidates, and members in general, engaged.

**Publicity – Roy Anne**

- Roy Anne passed around the latest draft of the WCMGV Brochure.
- Rosemary Smith has agreed to be the Chair for the Publicity Committee.

**OLD BUSINESS**

**SOP's**

Alice had revised the SOP Proposal with changes made from the last few discussions. Ivan asked for input from the Board in hope to present it to the membership in November. It is still a work in progress, and listed below are some of the major changes that were agreed upon:

- Consistency of grammar, specifically the use of “shall” instead of “will”.
- Follow the State’s SOPs regarding volunteer hours, continuing education and eligibility for certification and recertification. (sections II & III)
- Change “October” to “annually” when it comes to project proposals.
- After some confusion as to whether the word “sanction” is used as both noun and verb, and much discussion, the Board agreed to change “sanctioned projects” to “core projects” as both “core” and “individual” projects have to be approved (i.e. sanctioned).
- Project Leads Responsibilities (section VII) was pared down to make is easier to understand.
- Section VIII regarding the Advisor’s Role was changed per Nick Schneider’s suggestion.
- A fourth point was added to the Committee Chairperson section IX, B: “submit funding requests to the Board as needed for approval.”
- By consensus, the Board agreed to combine the Education and Trip Committee (sections X & XI).
  - The Board also felt this combined section needs to be simplified.
  - Final approval of all trips and education events is the responsibility of the Board.
  - Members who wish to bring forth ideas for trips and events may coordinate and work with the committee.
  - Roy Anne provided a draft to be discussed at the next Board Meeting.
- A change was suggested to the Grant Section XII, B. regarding whether grants from outside sources would need to be passed through the WCMGV treasury. Marge Menacher had specific examples of how this would be difficult in regard to school projects.
- Discussion of SOPs will continue at the next Board Meeting. Ivan noted the changes made this evening and will provide an updated version as decided thus far.

#### **Grant Applications for 2011 – Roy Anne**

Since no other suggestions came forth, Roy Anne submitted a grant proposal to the State MG organization for \$500.00 toward speaker fees for Jeff Epping. Applications were due October 1, 2010.

#### **Golden Trowel Awards - Stan**

Stan asked that the Golden Trowel awards be put on next month’s agenda. Stan, Roy Anne and Linda Tobey are on the nominating committee. Anyone from the membership may suggest a candidate. Candidates must be a Certified MG for 5 years.

#### **Other New Business – Kathy**

The Oshkosh Garden Club Luncheon to be held on November 20 is open to anyone. Kathy will send an e-mail to the membership.

Meeting adjourned approximately 8:40

Respectfully submitted,

Linda Baeten