

# WINNEBAGO COUNTY MASTER GARDENER ASSOCIATION

## BOARD MEETING MINUTES

NOVEMBER 1, 2016

1. Treasurers' Report – Joni Pagel
2. Secretary's Report – Linda Petek
3. Project Updates – Bette/Eric

After considerable discussion by the board members; a decision was made to stop presentations by project leads at the business meetings in January – April. We have been doing this for the last three years and leads have reported that they have not benefitted from this in getting new volunteers. We will continue presentations to new Members during their training class. We will also present new projects at meeting to get input from MGA members. Project leads can make announcements for their projects when new items come up.

We also discussed the Rain Garden Project. Kimberly said she has volunteers interested in working on the project – but no project lead.

We have a new project that Linda Loker and Kimberly presented to the board. It is for the Morgan House Historical Society. They would like to create a 19<sup>th</sup> century garden on the property; similar to the Octagon House. They would donate \$500.00 a year for plants, mulch, etc. It would be a long term project. They would like to use as an educational aspect. Mayor of Oshkosh filled out project request and would be contact person. Linda Loker will present project request at board meeting on Tuesday to see how membership feels.

4. Education Committee Update – Linda Loker

Linda Werner was not present at meeting so Linda Loker gave update. Marge Menacher is working on bus trip to Madison Expo in February. Committee would like to have at least One day trip and one overnight bus trip this year. Also work is coming right along on WESD on February 18, 2017. Members can think about Silent Auction Donations.

5. Member Booklet Update

Any interest in Picnic Chair or SOP Bylaw Committee. Any other changes should be sent to Linda as soon as possible.

6. November Elections Committee Update – Linda/Joni

Will prepare ballot for election on November 8. Also will send out absentee ballot for members not in attendance at meeting.

7. December 6<sup>th</sup> Awards Dinner – Linda/Kathy

Budget set for door prizes and dinner. \$15.00/person for dinner.

8. Other New Business

Kimberly announced she is now on the Wisconsin Advisory Board for State Master Gardeners. They meet about two times a year. Big project they are working on is state does not have enough insurance. Will try to get all associations in compliance. Kimberly went over the 2016 hours report. Board should look at and see what we feel about the hours. We have lost quite a few members.

Stanley Meyer voted to adjourn at 7:30 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Linda Petek,  
Secretary