

Master Gardeners Board Meeting November 2, 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, Ken Hawk, Roy Anne Moulton, Marge Menacher, Audrey Ruedinger.

Treasurer's Report –

A handout was provided. Total of all accounts as of 10/31/10 is \$16,104.00

Secretary's Report – Linda Baeten

A correction needs to be made to the minutes in the newsletter regarding the Grant Applications for 2011. Roy Anne was not able to apply for the \$500.00 grant two years in a row. The minutes were amended to: "One \$250.00 and one \$100.00 grant was applied for from the State. No word has been received as to whether these grants have been awarded." Linda Baeten will make an announcement at the next Business Meeting.

OLD BUSINESS

Brochure

- Copies of the new MG brochure were passed around. Everyone was pleased with the outcome.
- Synda Jones did the layout. The Board discussed recognition for her efforts.
- Linda Baeten has sent a thank you letter to Mike Pollatz and Sue Charlier of Independent Printing for donating the printing of the brochure.

Thank You's

- Linda Baeten has e-mailed thank you notes to those responsible at Miles Kimball for the donation of door prizes at our Business meetings, per Synda.

Website

- It was noted that nothing has been posted on the website since August 2010. A question came up as to whether the contract has expired. A new Website has not materialized.
- Alice will check into who hosts our website and whether it has expired.

NEW BUSINESS

SOP's

- Ivan will submit a revised SOP proposal, including recent changes, to the Board prior to the January planning meeting.

Membership

- Linda Baeten has called those who took the training but have not paid or sent in hours, to see if they may still be interested. She also called those who sent in hours, but did not pay dues for 2011. Some have chosen to continue and some have not.
- All were encouraged to continue.

Elections

Marge Menacher is planning on relocating to Madison by spring, and has withdrawn her name from the ballot. In addition to serving out her term, she will continue to serve on her projects and committees until she moves, and hopes to mentor those interested in carrying on.

- Kim Scharpf has also withdrawn her name.

- This leaves candidates Ivan Placko and Jane Kuhn as co-vice presidents, Linda Baeten as Secretary, and Carole Dorsch as Board Member. There is also space for a write in candidate for each office.
- Linda Baeten will revise the ballot for the November Business meeting vote.
- The State Representative is an appointed position. Bob Kosanke will continue if a replacement doesn't step forward. He will arrange the name badges for last year's class for those who are eligible to be certified. He will explain the position at the next Business meeting.

Hours Coordinator – Mary

- Hours Coordinator, Bruce Abraham, has sent in a letter of resignation.
- The Board agreed to accept the resignation.
- A decision to send in hours to the state after our September 1st deadline, and before October 20, was made based on Nick's advice.
- Mary had sought Nick Schneider's advice regarding the matter and Nick responded with a letter addressed to the Board. Mary will ask Nick to allow us to share his letter with Bruce.
- Mary will call Bruce to see if there were any MGs who attempted and were denied the opportunity to turn in hours after September 1st.
- Linda Baeten will send Bruce a letter thanking him for his service and encourage him to reconsider.

Education Committee – Roy Anne

- February event:
 - Roy Anne met with Rosemary Smith and Linda Werner regarding publicity for the event.
 - Talked about website issues and sent a letter to Jean Reed informing her that Rosemary would be the Chair for the Publicity Committee.
 - A letter was also sent to Jean for posting education event dates.
 - Winter Escape / Summer Dreams will feature Jeff Epping from Oberlich Gardens in Madison as the keynote speaker. Michael and Kathi Rock will also speak on hummingbirds. The event will take place on February 26th at Bridgewood.
- A bus trip to the Madison Expo is in the works, as well as a trip to the Chicago Flower and Garden Show.
- There will be a pruning workshop on March 12.
- Possible buying trip.
- Possibility of a trip to Philadelphia.

January Planning Meeting – The Board decided to do a planning meeting in January. There will be no Board meeting in December.

Awards Dinner – will be on December 6th at Bridgewood. Registration forms are in the newsletter.

Other new business-

There may be advice on the State MG website on how to update websites.

Meeting adjourned approximately 8:40

Respectfully submitted,

Linda Baeten