

## **Master Gardeners Board Meeting November 5, 2013**

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

Present were: Mary Shepard, President, Linda Petek Co-Vice President, Ivan Placko and Jane Kuhn, Co Vice-President, Sue Egner, Treasure, Mary Jo Maher, Secretary, Roy Anne Moulton, Linda Beaten, Carole Dorsch, Dara Sitter, Ann Murphy, Diane Dougherty, and Kimberly Miller, UWEX Advisor, Linda Loker, visitor

### **Treasures Report: Sue Egner**

Report for October was submitted and approved  
3 members have not paid their dues for this year.

### **Secretary report**

Incorrect spelling of Sue Egners' name was noted. Minutes were accepted with that correction.

### **Old Business**

Website updated was discussed and Mary will be heading the project of updating it.

The survey was discussed in regards to projects. Consensus was that the members are looking for more one-day projects. The board discussed taking on more projects and then asking for volunteers.

Linda Loker presented the interest that the Town of Algoma has for the master gardeners to help with buckthorn removal. She also presented the area west of Aurora has much buckthorn and could use assistance removing it. There was a discussion on educating Aurora on buckthorn as opposed to the master gardeners removing it.

Linda Beaten asked for volunteers for the Golden Trowel Award. Please let Ken Hawk, Ruth Fry, Linda Beaten or Linda Werner know of anyone you might have in mind to nominate.

Ivan looked into post for the master gardeners signs

Kimberly will contact the parks department to see if they still have any projects still open.

### **New Business**

Growing Oshkosh will be a new project

A list will be compiled of the board members and when their terms expire.

There was a summary of the nominees in the newsletter. Voting for President, treasure and member at large will be held at the business meeting this month.

Awards dinner will be December 3<sup>rd</sup> at Bridgewood in Neenah. Cocktails will be from 6-7:00

### **Education Committee Report:**

The trips this year will be to Savannah. The plans are progressing.

The bus trip to Madison to the gardening expo will be planned again this year.

### **Projects updates**

The board will hold the reviewing of all the core projects in a separate meeting in January. Kimberly suggested assigning homework so we are better prepared coming into the meeting.

**UW Extension Updates: Kimberly Miller**

Omero library will be submitting the forms to become a project of the master gardeners.

Menasha Senior Center also has an interest in being a project of the master gardeners.

New rules from the state are that all master gardeners organization must report child abuse and neglect.

The federal government audits UW Extension. New projects will have to sign a non-discrimination form.

Next Board meeting will in January

**Meeting Adjourned**

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Jo Maher, Secretary

Winnebago County Master Gardeners