

Winnebago County Master Gardener Board Meeting November 6, 2012

Present: Linda Petek, Co-President; Jane Kuhn, Co-Vice President; Ivan Placko, Co-Vice President; Sue Egner, Treasurer; Linda Baeten, Secretary; Roy Anne Moulton, Education Committee; Marge Menacher; Carole Dorsch; Diana Dougherty; Mary Wiedenmeier & Kathy Daniels, Past Co-Presidents; and Nick Schneider, MG Advisor, UWEX.

Also present, Mary Jo Maher, new member.

Excused: Mary Shepard, Co-President; Alice Graf, Past Treasurer; Audrey Ruedinger; Anne Murphy; Sue Bohn, State Rep

A thank you card from Mary Shepard was passed around. We all hope for a good outcome!
The meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m.

Treasurers report – Sue Egner, handout

- We have \$15,463.49 in the treasury as of October 31, 2012. Sue explained the report.
- Some projects still need to turn in expenses.
- Growing Power trip revenue and expenses are recorded.

Secretary report – Linda Baeten

- Board minutes were sent to Jean Reed to post on the website, and Business minutes were sent to Diana Dougherty to be posted in the Newsletter.
- Mary Wiedenmeier brought up a correction. Last Month's Board minutes had stated that recipients of the Golden Trowel award need to meet the criteria of 5 years membership, accumulative hours of 850, and be a board member or project lead. After searching the By Laws and SOPs, no such criteria were found. Suggestions from a few past recipients suggest that it is based only on "being a certified Master Gardener for 5 years, and exemplifying what a Master Gardener is". *It was decided to add these words when listing Golden Trowel recipients in the Membership Booklet.*
- Linda brought in an updated membership list. *She will forward the list to Nick and Katie at the UWEX office.*

OLD BUSINESS

At the last Board Meeting we discussed a memorial for John Procknow. Audrey was going to contact Park View for options. No decisions have been made at this point in time.

NEW BUSINESS

Elections – Mary Wiednemeier

- Mary Jo Maher is interested in running for Secretary, and is present tonight. Welcome Mary Jo! Linda Baeten is happy to help her get started.
- There is a list of names interested in serving on the Board for Member at Large (Audrey's Position) including Kathy Johnson, Curt Reese, Dara Sitter, Donna Kudlas, and Pat Behm. All very qualified.
- It was deemed reasonable to appoint the runner up for the other vacant Board position left by the Past Co-Presidents, for a one year term.
- *Kathy Daniels and Mary Wiedenmeier will collect and count the Ballots. Kathy will create the ballot form.*

Golden Trowel Recipient – Linda Baeten

- Linda Baeten, Linda Werner and Ruth Freye were the last three recipients who made up the Golden Trowel Committee. Some suggestions were made from the membership, and quality of service was considered. The Committee has chosen the 2012 winner who will be revealed at the Awards Banquet and presented with a plaque.
- *Linda asked for affirmation from the Board and will contact the rest of the Golden Trowel Committee. She will put together a list of the winner's accomplishments for the presentation and contact Stan Meyer for the plaque.*

Membership Booklet – Linda Petek

- Linda has been gathering updates for the projects to be listed in the booklet.
 - Audrey sent in an update for the Invasives project

- Chairperson for Habitat for Humanity will be listed as vacant
- Remove the Town Rushford project
- List the Contact MG for the Paine Gardens and Festival of Spring as vacant
- Remove Emeritus members who are deceased, but may keep them on Golden Trowel List

Lawanda Jungwirth Book Project – Linda Petek

All expenses for the book have been covered. All profits will go the Master Gardeners. Lawanda has asked for the Board's approval to sell the book on Craig's List. Everyone was in favor.

Horticulture Educator Position - Nick

- Ivan read a note from Chris Kneip, UWEX Department Head, thanking us for our support of a new Part-time Horticulturalist position in Winnebago County.
- The new position may be acknowledged at the County Board meeting December 20th, when the County Budget is expected to be addressed. A few Master Gardeners could attend.
- Nick read the Resolution. This person would be a part time UWEX (State) Employee contracted by the County from January 1, 2013 to December 31, 2013.

Education Committee – Roy Anne

- The Grow Power Trip was a success, thanks to Marge Menacher.
- Brochures for Winter Escape/Summer Dreams are ready for the printer. A mailing list is being developed. Linda Werner is working on publicity.

Awards Banquet – Linda Petek

- An invitation/RSVP was in the Newsletter. *More copies will be available at the Business meeting.*
- *Roy Anne will develop a bookmark listing upcoming trips/events as was done last year.*
- The Banquet begins at 6:00 with a social hour and cash bar.
- Linda is hoping to get the Lourdes Madrigal Singers for the event.
- *Roy Anne will put together some slides of the Pennsylvania Trip.*
- *A synopsis of hours will be given (Mary Wiedenmeier will send her Power Point presentation from last year for reference.*
- Will ask people to stand when their name is called.
- Diana is working on door prizes. Linda Loker will help. A ticket to Winter Escape/Summer Dreams will be given.
- The new class will be invited. All members should wear their name tags.
- Linda Petek will put together the name tags, discs, membership cards, etc.

Other New Business

- Changes were discussed for the Membership Book
- Winter Escape/Summer Dreams has been listed in the State Newsletter.
- Dani Stolley of Growing Oshkosh, is scheduled to speak at the November business meeting at 5:30.

Adjourn –

Kathy/Diana to adjourn 7:25.

Respectfully submitted,
Linda Baeten, Secretary
Winnebago County Master Gardener Volunteer Association