

General Meeting called to order at 6:50.

Approve Minutes – *minutes approved* after correction of date, spelling, and addition of West Elem. Project.

Approve Treasurer’s Report – Balance of \$3775.92, with activity of \$10 Petty Cash, \$30 credit (shirts), \$20 debit (sweatshirt) *Report approved.*

Old Business

1. Plant Label Committee Report - by Judy F – Stand alone label maker no longer available. 2 options for printing –

- \$60 for a portable printer to be run by computer, \$72 for each roll of weatherproof tape.
- Print on existing laser printer (one is available at Extension office). Purchase of printable sheets of labels required.
- Recommending metal signs that string onto the wire stand – estimate need 1000. Project leaders asked to estimate how many markers they will need for their projects.

Motion by Audray W, seconded by Eve W to leave decision and purchase up to the committee, within the budget of \$600. Motion Approved.

2. “By-Law” vote - *Motion by Audray W, seconded by Eve W to approve revised by-laws. Motion Passed.*

3. Shirts for sale – Some blue Tees still available for \$10, one L blue sweatshirt for \$20. See Audray.

4. Web Site – on hold.

5. Floor – *Plant Health Advisors* – Eve has calendar. Current inquiries being routed to Waukesha.
Doughboy monument – Fort – Frankie F – Cleanup will be an activity of the FA Boys and Girls Club - two days. Contact Frankie if you want to help.

6. Summer Meeting Garden Visits – **note: the following schedule will be modified at May meeting due to unavailability of Windy Oaks Nursery - bld**

May – *Ron will request tour* at Windy Oaks Nursery, near Old World WI

June – At UW-Extension office (replacing regular May meeting)

July – At Hoard Historical Museum. Will check to see if we can get access for dining.

August – In Jefferson – Dine at Rotary Park, tour West Elementary, Community Gardens

7. Summer Tour/Trip –

Suggestion made to revisit Susan Mahr's home in late summer by car. *Eve W will inquire.*

Green Bay Botanical Garden was an alternate bus trip location last year. Committee members from last year will retrieve info and *route to group via Bev.*

Rockford area is also a bus trip suggestion – there are several public gardens around the city.

New Business

Request for support – Life Scout Nathan Shannon, Troop 149, Jefferson, presented an overview of his Eagle Scout project. His project is to install Raised Planting Beds and limestone access paths at Raspberry Hill Farm, a Catholic non-profit camp near Sullivan for disabled and disadvantaged youth and young adults. The project will be installed this year, using material and cash donations from the community and the volunteer efforts of 7-8 additional Scouts.

Jefferson County Master Gardener Volunteer Association – April 19, 2012 meeting

Location: Jefferson County UW Extension, room 103

A motion was made to consider donations of \$100, \$150, or \$200 in support of this project.

A donation of \$200 was approved. We will ask for a follow-up presentation of results, and photos of the completed project.

A suggestion was also made for an 'Outreach Committee' (per By-laws) to explore and recommend guidelines to handle such requests in future.

1. WIGMA Silent Auction Donation – Motion made and carried to donate \$50 toward Silent Auction. Proceeds from auction split between host and state group for education.

2. Floor

- Fort Atkinson Garden Club – May 19 planting tree wells.
- Rock county Festival – August 25th. Looking for us to do a booth. Includes Pie Baking Contest and Art Fair. Diane K, Bev will route info.
- WIMGA meeting – Diane K and Mary T attended in Hancock.
 - *WIMGA conference is in Ashland Sept 14, 15.* Friday bus tour, Saturday Conference, Sunday Madeleine Island. Hotel accommodations scattered. Signup not on Web Site yet.
 - 2013 conference will be in Rock County.
 - 2014 in Outagamee.
 - *Suggestions for Retention of Members:*
 - Make calls to past members
 - Ask what we can do to encourage attendance
 - Offer special class to help recertify
 - Note on Website – Program Resources – new area on how to tie in MGs with presentations.
- Next Business Meeting – Activate 'Membership Committee' and 'Outreach Committee'
- JCMGVA Plant Sale – May 5 – Margaret routing sign up sheet for May 4 and 5.
 - Decision made to spend \$50, which is already budgeted, for newspaper ads to publicize sale. Note for \$10 will also be on Jefferson City Garage Sale map.
- Farm Days in Broadhead – recommendation from Donna H – May 12, Watertown
- Plant Sale listing – *forward any plant sale recommendations to Bev, she will route them to the group.*

Moved to Adjourn - meeting adjourned at 7:45.

Support time – 1.0 hour

Education time – 1.0 hour

April Meeting Presentation

Bev D presented "Raise Your Garden's Profile - Lets Talk Shrubs!"

In Attendance: Margaret A, Beverly D, Judy F, Donna H, Mike Hol, Mike Hot, Diane K, Sue K, Deborah K, Ron L, Alan L, Helen M, Jane N, Gordon P, Barb S, Sharon S, Maggie S, Deb S, Sue S, Mary T, Paulette T, Audray W, Susan W, Eve W, Susan W, Sue Z, Frankie F, Stacy S, Tim S, Cory B.