Location: Jefferson County UW Extension, room 8-9

6:15 - By-Law Discussion

Proposed changes were sent out via email to be reviewed before the meeting. In general, the document was well received. Several points were raised by members during discussion, and a revised proposal will be routed prior to the February meeting for further review.

6:45 – **General Meeting** called to order.

Approve Minutes – minutes were approved as written.

Approve Treasurer's Report

<u>Treasury</u> - Bank Balance 4564.92

Deposits 708.50 Debits 185.00

Winter Market 161.00 sold - 30.00 booth = 137.00 profit

Dues - 31 members have paid dues, plus 3 associates.

<u>2012 Budget</u> – copies were available at the meeting. Budget was walked thru and explained, correction made to \$100 expenditure of state grant in 2011. Budget approved by membership.

Old Business

Clothing Order – the order was delivered – Thanks Audray!

Blue tee-shirts are still available for \$10. See Ron.

- Speaker's Binder (Need a Speaker for February) Brian Huddleson of UW-Madison is available for February. Any member may suggest future programs – contact Ron, who holds the Speakers Book.
- Nominate/Vote/Appoint 2012 Vice-President Judy F nominated Diane K for this position.
 Seconded and approved by the members, appointed by Ron. Congratulations Diane!
- By-Laws noted that the proposal was reviewed, and will be reviewed again prior to February meeting. Will put to vote in March.
- <u>Discuss Committees</u> Noted that we will be forming committees as defined in the by-laws.
 Members should consider what they would like to be involved in. Of particular note is that we need to decide how to spend grant and budget allocations for labels for our projects.
- Floor Garden Journals available to be picked up.
 Moved by Diane K, seconded Jill A, approved Donate a journal to the coordinating instructor at the West Elementary School Garden

New Business

- Web Site Heidi J and Bev D have been working on our group website. Documents will be archived there, and a calendar of events and other current communications will be included. Noted that Last Names of members will not be included in most documents for privacy.
- Awards members were presented certificates of recognition and gift certificates for the garden center of their choice for:
 - Judy Foskett, for 1000 hours of service. Judy has provided volunteer service to Rotary Park in Jefferson, Old World Wisconsin, and the Hoard Museum in Fort Atkinson.
 - Diane Kachel 750 hours.
 - o Jill Albanese, Maryann Dubree, and Jan Sanders -500 hours

- Beverly Dahl, Sharon Schweitzer, Mary Tiller, Paulette Timm, Nancy Whitney, and Sue Zimmerman - 250 hours
- Mike Hotter, Jane Nicholson, Paulette Timm, and Sue Zimmerman 150 hours
- o In addition we have 32 Certified Master Gardeners this year.
- Level II Training (Heidi) There will be two sessions.
 - Session 1 Horticulture History and Health
 - Tuesday Feb.7th March 13th, 6pm-9pm.
 - \$25, including training materials. An optional set of materials are available for \$50 from the Learning Store but aren't required.
 - No option for taking individual
 - Respond to Heidi by January 31 if you would like to take this Level II training
 - Checks to UW-Extension.
 - Session 2 Native Plants will follow in March. Members will be notified for sign up.
- Floor
 - Madison Garden Show is Feb 10-12. Sessions are eligible for Training Hours.
 - Family Garden Day 4H Feb 11 see Jeannie.
 - Hoard Intersectional Peony Garden dedication is June 9, followed by a fund-raiser Garden Walk. Volunteers are needed to help hosts answer visitor questions. See Bev if you'd like to volunteer.

Adjourned at 7:15.

Mary Lou Santovec, author of "Wisconsin Gardens & Landscapes" - power point presentation from her book. This was a beautiful review of significant gardens across the state. The book is available locally for \$19.95, and is identified as ISBN# 978-1-931599-89-4.

Support time - .5 hours Education time - 1 hour

In Attendance: Jill A, Dennis B, Beverly D, Judy F, Donna H, Mike Hol, Mike Hot, Heidi J, Lenore J, Diane K, Sue K, Deborah K, Ron L, Allen L, Barb S, Sharon S, Stacy S, Maggie S, Deb S, Sue S, Jeannie T, Mary T, Paulette T, Audray W, Eve W, Susan W.