

General Meeting – called to order at 6:45

A quorum (50% plus 1) of voting members did not attend, so an informal meeting was held, and no proposals requiring a vote were presented.

Approve Minutes – No vote to approve

Approve Treasurer's Report – Balance of \$3945.49 reported. No vote to approve

Old Business

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

2. Plant Label Committee Report - by Judy F –

Printable label sheets and metal markers for 1000 markers are now in the JCMGVA room (used by Plant Health Advisors). Sheets can be loaded into the laser printer in the larger Extension office.

Project leaders may now make the markers they need for their projects. The committee is recommending both common name and latin name be printed on the labels.

Sign out sheet on plant stake box – please note how many you take, and what project they will be in.

Diane Kachel showed an example of labels used for West Elementary School garden, which are laminated with a color photo and general plant information for education of student gardeners. The remaining funds in the plant label project will be used to create more of those labels.

3. Summer Meeting Schedule –

June – At Hoard Historical Museum on 6/21. Pot luck inside the Jones Gallery at 6:00. Guided educational tour of the gardens following at 7:00 or so.

July – At Eve West's on 7/19. Pot luck at 6:00.

August – In Jefferson 8/16 – Dine at Rotary Park, option to tour West Elementary, Community Gardens. Bring food and chairs.

4. Web Site – on hold.

5. Summer Tour/Trip –

A. Susan Mahr's on Saturday, August 11th in the afternoon. Her yard is beautifully landscaped and her husband is a widely recognized expert on and collector of cacti and succulents. A Reminder will be sent, and people could car pool from Extension office.

Address is: 4881 Alvin Rd., Sun Prairie. Phone 608-837-9340.

Directions: I94W to Exit N. Right to TT and turn left. Turn right on Alvin.

B. Bus Trip - Committee recommends no tour this year – start planning early next year.

C. Suggestion for a trip to Old World Wisconsin this fall – **Mary T will look into group rates.**

6. Floor –

Request for support – Life Scout Nathan Shannon, Troop 149, Jefferson, accepted our donation of \$200 and agreed to update the group on the project.

New Business

1. Plant Sale Report - \$632 earned at Plant Sale, less \$10 spent on advertising.

2. Coin Flip to Stagger Secretary / Treasurer Terms. Per the revised By-Laws, the terms of the Secretary and Treasurer are to be staggered. A coin was flipped, Mary T won, and opted to stand for re-election in September. Bev D will have one extra year added to her term as Secretary, standing for re-election in 2013.

3. Committees – The following committees are defined in the by-laws. They can support and spread the word about the work of our members, and help provide education and encourage participation of MGVs. Volunteers listed here were present at or volunteered ahead of the May meeting, additional volunteers are needed in each:

Membership – "address member recruitment, retention, rewards, and orientation of new members"
Per By-laws, chaired by Past President, currently Eve W, Ron L in Sept. Diane K can provide list of former members from 1998 to 2010, Bev D from 2010 to present. Maggie S and Audray W volunteered.

Outreach – "assist in planning for educational outreach in the community and increase awareness of MGV program"

Examples are County Fair, educational tables at events. Suggestion to build Scrap Book of newspaper and other articles for use at events. State WIMGA offers suggestions on how to include MG information in presentations. Bev D, Sue Z and Sharon S volunteered.

Program – " plan MGV educational programs for the year"

Mary T, Ron L and Judy F volunteered. All Members encouraged to recommend programs.

Project – " review requests for assistance with projects in the community, make recommendations to the organization, recruit volunteers, and report on status of projects with help of the UW Ext. Agent as needed."

Chaired by Vice President, currently Diane K, will change in Sept. Members are reminded to fill out project forms to build a list of current projects and send them to Diane K. Mike H volunteered.

4. Floor

- Reminder:
 - *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.
Note, they are looking for vendors.
 - 2013 conference will be in Rock County.
 - 2014 in Outagamie.
- Volunteer opportunity – Whitewater Farmers Market – work with Rock County trainee on Children's Planting project – Ron will be there.
- Compost class will be given at Jefferson Community Garden
- Reminder on free Education Opportunities that apply as Continuing Education:
 - TV – Wisconsin Gardener
 - Radio – Larry Meiller "Garden Talk", also on web
 - Web – recordings of Brown Bags sessions
 - Lectures – given by Master Gardeners, UW- Extension people, or qualified experts

Moved to Adjourn - meeting adjourned at 8:00.

Support time – 1.0 hour

In Attendance: Beverly D, Judy F, Mike Hot, Diane K, Ron L, Sharon S, Maggie S, Jeannie T, Mary T, Audray W, Eve W, Cory B.