

Jefferson County Master Gardener Volunteers – 11/18/2010 meeting minutes

Location: Jefferson County UW Extension

1. Called to order at 6:45.
2. Introductions – name, town, and last year’s main MG volunteer project you worked on
3. Treasurer’s report & budget from tonight’s board meeting –
Will report on budget next meeting (January)
We received a card from the family of Violet M thanking us for our memorial gift.
4. Minutes: since we all get this electronically and a few hard copies are available at the door, we are skipping reading out loud and will approve or not as WRITTEN.
Revised as requested in meeting (name corrections), motion made, seconded, passed to accept.
5. Old business – updates.
 - A. Question concerning whether travel time is included when reporting continuing education
NO travel time for continuing education - meetings are considered support, so travel counts.
 - B. New forms for reporting hours in 2010/11
Available online @ MG website – also distributed via email by Bev D following meeting, if you did not receive, or cannot open or read yours, let her know. Some copies will be available at January meeting.
 - C. Answer on elderly neighbors’ garlic mustard removal as volunteer hours?
Per Heidi J, UW Extension agent – no, not considered a project. Diane K also spoke to her about what projects are acceptable and which are not as part of hourly reporting – has to do with what is community service and what is private service. **The guidelines for projects will be clarified in the February meeting, at which time we will also review ongoing and proposed new projects.**
 - D. Master Gardener signature clothing order
Audray W passed out order forms during meeting.
 - At the top of the form, per our October vote, for general wear during our projects, we will order #2000 tee shirts with logo on front, MGVA on back (same as Waukesha county, getting us a price break, and because we are tax exempt, we save on taxes and extra fees for set up). Shirts are \$10 each, add \$2.50 for size XXL and over. (We may be charged a flat fee of \$20 if we don't have a big enough order.)
 - Bottom of form, other items that are available for individual orders, there is no minimum charge – go wild! Emblem at right of form will be embroidered, see prices.
 - **Determine your order, bring your order form and cash or a check to the January meeting. Checks payable to JCMGVA.**
 - Also, check out their website www.sportswearcollection.com if you want to suggest other items for our spring order.

E. Brief update of the courthouse project

Email received from Molinaro at JC Courthouse. County can do pruning and tree removal. Margaret Burlingham did previous design, agreed to assist in planning. Work will concentrate on area around monument, putting in annuals, for this year.

G. MG training: every year if we get enough people. Publicity? Cost?

We WILL be having class, we are looking for possible site to do fiber optics. **EVE/Margaret - OPEN ITEM – confirm whether we can do as non-fiber.** Will be run via Wisline as in past, out of Extension office.

H. Speaker/Presentation plan for next year

The board met with the committee – looking for speaker (Rhonda Moyer) from Eberts greenhouse to talk about new plants for January. (no December meeting).

I. WIGMA annual conference at Rock county 2013

Diane K talked to rep from there, they have started a group, are interested in help from us. **We will get more info from them prior to Feb meeting, for our project review.**

J. Question to Diane K – emailed to Sue Mahr – when can new trainees start reporting hours?

Reporting can start prior to finishing classes if they are working on established projects under supervision of a certified MG.

6. New business

- We did get two grants – \$250 for signage at ongoing projects, and \$100 for public education – 6-7 people, 2 sessions on composting. **Start thinking about what we could submit grant applications for next year.** Note, we will be getting a newer laptop from the Extension, we have budgeted money if we need to do any upgrades. We must report in writing by July 31st what we did with the money.
- Do we want to sponsor/host a composting train the trainer session – looking for 3 in the state?
Bev D to forward email about hosting to members. We need 6-12 people.
Circulate signup at meeting.
Contact one of last years hosts?
- **Bev D to print and bring in some copies of time sheets to Jan meeting.**

7. Show, Tell or Ask [formerly called: Other comments, questions or announcements]

Booth at Fort Winter Market?

- We did one at spring Earth Day session, pay \$25 for a booth, we do have a booth setup.
- Can we request site next to Heart of the City booth, as we have similar interests.
- Note – Linda B G has been freely circulating as a rep from Heart of the City, just talking to people and passing out brochures.
- If we did the winter fair Dec 4, 8-1, it would provide visibility for winter training session.
- Need 2-3 people to do booth.
- Sue K, Jane N, Linda B G and Jay G volunteered.

4H Family Project Day

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- February 12, 3o'clock, setup 9-?
- **Contact Sharon S if interested (or call Extension office)**

Garden visions conference – Stevens Point – January

- **Ron L. will send Bev D email to circulate**

8. Lars Higdon presentation on prairie restoration

Lars is an ecologist at Faville Grove Sanctuary, north of Lake Mills. Google 'Faville Grove Sanctuary' for map and more information. Mission is to restore and manage wildlife sanctuary, mostly grassland and prairie. There are opportunities to volunteer to gather, mix, sow seeds. November & December volunteer workdays are Wednesday 9:30 – 4:00. January 1 begin Saturday work days.

To contact Lars: 608-220-9563, or larshigdon@hotmail.com.

References from presentation:

Tallgrass Restoration Handbook, by S Packard and Mutel
Wildflowers of Wisconsin and Great Lakes Region, Black and Judziewicz
Prairie Plants of the UW-Madison Arboretum, Cocheran
Invasive Terrestrial Plants guide, WDNR

9. Motion to adjourn at 8:35.

.5 Hours support (plus travel time)

1 Hour education