

Jefferson County Master Gardener Volunteer Association – November 17, 2011 meeting

Location: Jefferson County UW Extension UPSTAIRS: room 103
Called to order at 6:45.

Margaret Attwood has tendered her resignation as president with regrets, and has been succeeded by vice president Ron Langellier.

1. Approve Minutes – approved with changes. Will be re-sent with revision.

2. Approve Treasurer's Report- Balance - \$4,041.42. Deposits - \$55 in dues. Paid - \$125. Approved.
Noted that members may still pay dues.

Badges are being ordered for those who are newly certified, or who have requested replacements.
Magnetic badges are available for \$1 extra. See Mary T if you need your first, or require a replacement.

3. Old Business

- Clothing Order – Forms were distributed. Payment due now, delivery in January. Forms turned in to Judy F in Audray's absence. Checks to JCMGVA. **The Officers have agreed to round up the order for T-shirts in assorted sizes if the minimum of 25 is not met by members. Any extra shirts will be available to members for future purchase.**
- Speakers Binder – we still need speakers for February and April, if anyone has recommendations.
- WIMGA Grants – In addition to the \$100 grant for plant labels, we have also been awarded \$250 for the Hoard Museum to use in printing a brochure about the new Native Plant Rain Garden. That brochure will be written by Bev D and Kori Oberle, Hoard Museum Director.
- By-Laws and Mission Statement – the Work Group is still reviewing this. Will set up informational meetings prior to the General Meetings to review any recommended changes. Any By-Law changes must be voted on by the membership.

4. New Business

- Vice president position. The By-Laws state *that "Vacancies in all offices occurring before the expiration of the term shall be filled by appointment of the president and shall hold office until the next scheduled election."* We will seek nominations and vote for vice president at the January meeting, and the president will then appoint the vote winner to the position.
- Fort Atkinson Work Shop – Frankie Fuller of the Fort Atkinson Garden Club was present at the meeting, and issued an invitation to our group to participate in this event, possibly as a co-sponsor, which will be held the last Saturday in February, 2012, from 10 am to noon at the Fort Atkinson library. They are looking for speakers on horticulture topics, or volunteers to represent our group. Contact info is Frankie Fuller at frankiefuller10@gmail.com or 608-445-0809.

5. Miscellaneous announcements:

Bob Tomesh, who recently retired as WIMGA education coordinator, passed away this week of cancer.

Eve brought in succulents for give away.

Move to adjourn – at 7:03.

Education: Marcia Carmichael, author of "Putting Down Roots - Gardening Insights from Wisconsin's Early Settlers", based on research on 19th century life. Marcia is the head Gardener at Old World Wisconsin. She talked about her book and heirloom plants. Her book is available for \$24.95, ISBN 978-0-87020-466-1.

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In attendance: Jill Albanese, Dennis Bries, Beverly Dahl, Maryann Dubree, Judy Foskett, Mike Hotter, Heidi Johnson, Diane Kachel, Sue Katzer, Deborah Kucken, Ron Langellier, Barb Schmallinger, Sharon Schweitzer, Stacy Sherman, Maggie Stetter, Deb Stohbusch, Sue Stobush, Jeannie Taylor, Mary Tiller, Eve West, Susan Wilde, Sue Zimmerman, Ed Morse, Frankie Fuller

6:15 – Guideline Discussion

During the October Meeting, the new guidelines for reporting our volunteer hours in 2012 were passed out. This was an open discussion of contents, and officers answered questions from members. The following points were made:

Public gardens are considered 'demonstration gardens', therefore weeding/ watering / maintenance/ labeling time may all be considered education time.

Labeling – All plants in a garden do not have to be labeled, it is sufficient to label a sampling of each type of plant.

A way to make a demonstration garden, or public park educational is to schedule an event, demonstration, or work session that is open to public participation.

Research time – time spent reading articles, books, other sources in preparation for creating educational presentations can be reported.

Reminder – We have a library in the Extension Office, books can be checked out.

Open question – Can time spent reading to do a book report or review be reported?

4H – one day activities may be counted as youth education if the MG is identified as a MG and providing some sort of educational guidance.

Final Note: There will not be a December Meeting. The January Presentation has been set and looks like a good one. Mary Lou Santovec will be doing a power point presentation from her book "Wisconsin Gardens".