

General Meeting – Business meeting called to order at 7:30

Education – Janet McConaughy – Herbs You Can Count On

Introductions – your name and favorite spring flower

REPORTS:

1. Approve Minutes – Motion to approve, Judy F, seconded Maggie S
2. Treasurer – Mary Tiller reported on balances. Motion to approve, Frankie F, seconded Sharon S.
3. WIMGA – Mary Tiller
 - 2013 conference will be in Janesville on Aug 16 & 17, at UW-Rock. The largest room has a capacity of 220 people. Registration will begin end of May.
 - 2014 conference will be in Appleton – March 28 & 29, at the Radisson
 - 2015 conference will be in LaCrosse – July 31 & Aug 1
 - 2016 Conference is the one we were asked to bid to organize. HOWEVER, this is the biannual Regional Meet, between MN, IO, WI, MI, held in WI every 8 years. Therefore, we will push back to the 2017 Conference for planning.
 - Association Treasurers reviewed Best Practices. As a result, we will make some changes, including no longer publishing balances in minutes, and formalizing vouchers and receipts for reimbursements.
 - Also, Non-profit 501c3 and 990n forms were reviewed, with pros and cons. 501d3 is used to handle large donations, but we can avoid using that by requesting large donations be made through the extension.

OLD BUSINESS:

4. Update about 2016 WIMGA Conference – **see WIMGA report above.** We will now slow down planning, and shift to target 2017 Conference.
5. Bus trip to Growing Powers, August 3. Determine second stop of trip –
 - a. Boerner Botanical Gardens - \$5.00 admission
 - b. Mitchell Park Conservatory (The Domes) - \$6.50 admission
 - c. Wisconsin State Fair, Seniors (60 and over) \$7.00, Adults \$10.00Option A, Boerner Botanical Gardens was chosen.
Subsequent to meeting, Ron L clarified that \$25 fee will include both bus and admission to Growing Powers. Group rate (over 20) for Boerner is \$4 per person. New total, including that admission TBD.
May 16 will be deadline for JCMGVA members to reserve a spot for trip and pay before registration is opened up outside the group.
6. Plant Sale – Margaret Attwood – Discussion of May 4 date – determined to be too early this year. We will move to May 18, will require extra publicity.
7. Clothing order, logo will remain as is – Audray Weber – Expected logo change is projected to be one year future, WIMGA reps recommend we not wait. If we go with existing supplier, prices are slightly higher, but Tee's are about \$12 each. (Min order 25.) Embroidered items can be one offs.

8. Update on the UW Extension Agent position – Extension Education Committee job description does put specific emphasis on MG program. Opening will be posted April 26, for 4 weeks. Preliminary review late May / Early June. In place by August 1.

NEW BUSINESS:

9. Ideas for Grants – next year they will be \$150, \$250, \$400. Bring your suggestions to meetings between now and August. Sue Z will help write proposals. Final Proposals due September.

10. May speaker – Dan Mahr, Small Fruits

June – Rotary Park in Jefferson (depends on status of park, may be a non-Thursday)

July – At Gordon P's – July 18, with a pot luck

August – at Extension?

11. Projects and sign-up sheets - routed

12. Floor

- Noted that all should be considering nominations for new Officers in September: President Elect (one year, followed by one year as President, and one as Past President); and Secretary (Bev not running for re-election).
- Meeting Day
The Extension office has advised us that the third Thursday is the most commonly used day of the month for extension room resources. If we want to be assured of having access to the larger room downstairs, with permanent audio/visual equipment, we should consider moving our meeting day to a different week.
Move to open discussion from Sue K. After discussion, general consensus in room was that the 4th Thursday was preferred, but as this will require a modification of the by-laws, we will conduct a round of voting for preference, followed by a second round of voting to approve the actual by-law change.
Noted that 4th Thursday may conflict with Thanksgiving, and that we would set our calendar at the Annual Meeting in September, either moving to the earlier week, or shifting the November meet into early December.

Moved to Adjourn – Move to adjourn Mike Hot., second Audray W. *Meeting adjourned at 8:30.*

Support time – 1 hour, Education time – 1 hour

In Attendance: Margaret A, Dennis B, Beverly D, Judy F, Frankie F, Mike Hot, Lenore J, Diane K, Sue K, Allen L, Jane N, Gordon P, Barb S, Sharon S, Maggie S, Sue St, Jeannie T, Mary T, Audray W, Eve W, Susan W, Sue Z, Chtistine P, Bobbie R, Anne S, Tim S

Guests: Susan U, Marcia P, Pam H, Dorothy H-J, Bonnie H, Renee B