

Jefferson County Master Gardener Volunteer Association
Minutes
January 17, 2013

General Meeting – Diane called the meeting to order at 6:45 p.m.

Introductions – Members introduced themselves and told what they do during the winter to keep gardening on their minds.

REPORTS:

1. Approve November Minutes - Ron made a motion to approve the minutes. Frankie seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

2. Treasurer – Mary reported a balance of \$4085.57 with the following activity:

- Payments – \$200
- Deposit - \$225

Eve made a motion to approve the treasurer’s report. Maggie seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

3. WIMGA – Diane reported on the following items:

- The 2013 annual WIMGA conference will be held on Aug 16 & 17 in Janesville.
- The 2015 conference will be held in Bluff County
- You don’t need to be a certified member to be a member of WIMGA
- Ron reported that a meeting is planned with Columbia and Dodge County MG members on Jan. 25 at 10 a.m. at the Watertown Perkins Restaurant. They will discuss the possibility of a future Tri-County WIMGA Conference. Members who signed up for this ad hoc committee were encouraged to attend.

4. UW Extension – Heidi reported on the following items:

- She accepted a position with Dane County and her last day with Jefferson County will be the end of January. She has enjoyed her time working with the Master Gardeners and is hopeful that there will be a smooth transition with another agent.
- The hiring process has begun, however it is unclear what emphasis the new agent will have. Mike Maddox is fully invested in the Master Gardener Program and will ensure that this program will be a part of the duties.
- After members questioned the hiring process, a letter will be written to the Board of the UW-Extension on behalf of the Master Gardeners, urging them to consider the Master Gardener Program as they make their hiring decision.
- The Level II training begins early February and will be online.

OLD BUSINESS:

5. Floor – There was a question asking if tonight’s presentation was advertised in the paper. It was not, however every effort will be made to advertise future presentations.

NEW BUSINESS:

6. WIMGA Cumulative Volunteer Service Hour Recognition

Certificates were distributed to recognize volunteer service hours. Congratulations on these milestones!

150 hours – Sue K, Alan L, Barb S, Maggie S, and Susan W

250 hours – Mike Hot, Ron L, Alan L, and Audray W

500 hours – Beverly D, Jeannie T, Eve W, and Sue Z

1000 hours – Diane K and Helen M

7. Farewell and thank you to Heidi Johnson

Diane thanked Heidi for her contributions to our Master Gardener Program.

8. February Speaker

Mike Holl. reported that the Program Committee is working to find speakers for upcoming months.

February is not finalized yet. Ron reported that he has booked a tour to visit *Growing Power* on Saturday, August 3. <http://www.growingpower.org/index.htm>

9. Jefferson County & WI State Fairs

Diane reminded everyone to think about submitting entries to the Fairs:

- June 12 is the deadline for the State Fair, which runs from August 1 - 11.
<http://www.wistatefair.com/wp/open-show-horticulture-department-and-textile-craft-culinary-department/>
- July 9 is the deadline for the Jefferson County Fair, which runs from July 10 – 14
<http://www.jeffersoncountyfairpark.com/>

Follow the links to get more information and to print registration forms.

10. Floor

- Sharon is looking for helpers on February 9 for Family Project Day. They are developing dish gardens.
- Diane reminded everyone about the Garden Expo in Madison from Feb 8 – 10. Seminars run all three days and you can receive education credit. <http://www.wigardenexpo.com/about/>
- Maggie handed out a pamphlet about upcoming presentations at the Hoard Museum, and a brochure about Monarch Work Stations.
- Eve passed around a calendar with flower and wildlife photos she had taken and made them into a calendar. She suggested doing this as a fundraiser. It was determined that this idea should go to a committee to discuss further. Tabled.
- Frankie asked if we would like to sponsor a Junior Master Gardener Program, and she presented a book describing it. There was discussion that this probably should be handled through the 4-H program, but was subsequently determined that it should go to a committee such as Outreach to discuss further. Tabled.

11. Adjourn

Ron made a motion to adjourn. Mike Hott. seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

Meeting adjourned at 8:15 pm.

Speaker: Matt Peters, President of the Rock County Bee Keeper Society.

Support time – 1 hour, **Education time** – 1 hour

In Attendance:

Margaret A, Dennis B, Judy F, Frankie F, Donna H, Mike Hol, Mike Hot, Heidi J, Lenore J, Diane K, Sue K, Ron L, Allen L, Jane N, Barb S, Sharon S, Maggie S, Sue Str, Jeannie T, Mary T, Audray , Eve, Susan W, Bobbie R, Anne S