

General Meeting – called to order at 6:50

5 Level I students here – Welcome!

Introduction of 'Buddy System' to match current MGs with incoming members – all attendees introduced themselves, will complete 'buddying up' after formal meeting.

Noted that Executive Meeting will be held each month at 6:00pm, prior to General Meeting. Members are welcome to attend, but any issues must be put on the agenda by speaking to an officer prior to the meeting. Minutes will be routed with General Meeting minutes.

REPORTS:

1. Approve September Minutes – Sharon S moved to approve, Sue W seconded, minutes approved.

2. Treasurer – Mary Tiller – Balance of \$3999.92 reported.

Payments – meeting subs

Income - \$130 dues

Motion to approve Ron L, seconded Mike Hol. Approved.

3. WIMGA – Diane Kachel

Noted that Susan Mahr, program coordinator, will be out of country end of month, so yearly reporting deadline is pushed to Nov 12.

2012 conference had over 200 attendees.

WIMGA is requesting that members opt for emailed newsletters to save costs. Bev to send out contact info.

There were numerous \$400 grant requests, not as many \$250 and \$100.

WIMGA is working on a new logo, will be completed "in the next year".

4. UW Extension – Heidi Johnson

Level II training will be Feb thru June, possibly on Tuesdays from 9am to noon, with some at home viewing.

The UW Extension Rain Garden is maintained by Jefferson County resources. They are requesting a MG volunteer work with and educate County workers through an annual program.

OLD BUSINESS:

5. Grants – Sue Zimmerman

Grants submitted were:

\$400 – speaker fees for Historic/Heirloom Gardening Conference at Hoard Museum

\$250 – JCMGVA banners for use at Fair and Markets

\$100 – Materials to build a cold frame for WE GROW project

Noted that WIMGA reports many \$400 grant requests were received, not so many for other levels.

6. Committees

Letter sent out from Diane K to membership explaining committees and their functions

Outreach Committee need – Fort Farmers Market – Margaret A & Sue K volunteered

7. Floor

Boy Scout Project – we approved a grant for raised beds for this Eagle Scout Project – funds have not been requested by the scout yet.

NEW BUSINESS:

8. Rotary Garden Symposium

November 3 – speakers are planned – see Rotary website

ALSO – Madison Herb Society will be at Olbrich Garden Nov 3 from 9-3 – FREE – vendors and speakers

9. Friends of Crawfish River

Lions Club is asking if JCMGVA wants to join this group. Goal is to keep the area natural but clean, and to use as river access. It will be under the Parks Dept. Others involved are:

Lions Club – cleanup and maintenance

Rotary – bike trail

Jefferson HS Ag group – Prairie

Jefferson MS, 2 Rivers Bike Shop

Jefferson County DOT is waiting to see level of interest before discussing access needs

What could we offer? Suggestions were Weed ID, Labeling of trees/grasses/etc, horticulture related planning and advice. This would be defined as a project.

Move to express interest in group, contingent on access being provided to river. Motion – Ron L, Second Jill A. Motion Passed.

10. 2016 WIMGA Conference

WIMGA has requested that Jefferson County join with Columbia and Dodge Counties to propose hosting the state 2016 Conference.

Info about the Conference: Only fund raiser for the state group. 25% proceeds to local hosts, 50% to continued education at state level, 25% to WIMGA operating costs. WIMGA provides \$1000 for start-up costs.

Columbia hosted in 2007, they have created forms and guidelines that can be used for future conferences.

Rock County is slated for Aug 2, 3, 2013, but planning is in flux due to changes in structure in Rock County group and Extension staff. They are still organizing and recruiting help.

Moved to meet with Columbia and Dodge counties to discuss possibilities, thoughts. Motion Sue K, Second Ron L. Motion passed.

Mary T, Diane K, Sue K, Donna H, Ron L volunteered to proceed with this effort.

11. November speaker – Jerry Nelson on Lilies

Noted, speakers / meetings are open to the public. Sharon Sch volunteered to create meeting notices, they will be routed thru Heidi.

12. Floor

- WIMGA is creating "10 Places of Horticultural Interest". Diane will check for criteria, Bev will route. Send your ideas in.
- Maggie S brought in free Rabbits Foot Ferns
- Pamphlets routed for Earth Wood Fire Artist Walk
- Flyer for Wood Turners at Olbrich
- June 12, 2013 is dead-line for State Fair entry forms, available on-line around May 1.

Moved to Adjourn – Move to adjourn Jill A, second Mike Hot. Meeting adjourned at 7:45.

Support time – 1.0 hour

In Attendance: Jill A, Margaret A, Dennis B, Beverly D, Donna H, Mike Hol, Mike Hot, Heidi J, Diane K, Sue K, Ron L, Allen L, Barb S, Sharon S, Maggie S, Jeannie T, Mary T, Paulette T, Audray W, Susan W, Sue Z, Sue F, Donna G, Anne S, Stacy S, Jane VDH