

## Jefferson County Master Gardener Volunteer Association Minutes of the October 9, 2014 Meeting

Call to order by President Beverly D at 6:45 pm

The meeting began with introductions and sharing of favorite/most reliable annual flower or vegetable

### **Reports:**

A motion to approve the meeting minutes of September 11, 2014 as written was passed.

Treasurer's Report by Treasurer Barbara S was approved.

### **Old Business:**

Hours for 2014 to Secretary Maggie S. Reminder that any hours should be reported, even if less than minimum to certify. Also indicate the total number of hours per project on the bottom of the timesheet. "Atta MGs" from President Bev D for the over 2300 volunteer hrs already turned in by our JCMG membership and the 473 Continuing Ed hours turned in. Thanks!

Dues for 2015 are \$10 for an individual and \$15 for a couple. Dues for JCMG Friends are \$5 or \$10 if State of Wisconsin MG newsletter is requested.

2014 Project reports are due to Bev D. The JCMG Plant Sale is considered a fund raiser, not a JCMG Project, so there is no need for a report.

Grant requests have been submitted by Sue Z in collaboration with Jeannie T.

Vern G gave an update about the 2015 Level 1 education plans. JCMG training experts are being sought for the Level 1 classes. Vern sent around a sign-up sheet to gather names and phone numbers of MGs who would like to present their specialty. Classes will be held every other week for a total of 12 weeks. The dates and times have not yet been set.

The JCMG Banner order is at the printer's awaiting approval regarding the new logo.

### **New Business:**

The Saturday, Nov 29, 2014 Jefferson Winter Market registration application forms are available from Sharon S. Contact Sharon to sign up for a shift at the JCMG booth which includes MG information and hands-on projects for kids. The market hours are from 9 am to 4 pm at the Jefferson Business Center.

The Fort Atkinson Winter Market, is the first Saturday of December - Dec 6, 2014, and will be manned by Sue K and Barb S.

There is still a supply of plant labels and metal tags available at the UW Extension Office for labeling plants in the garden beds of your JCMG projects.

A joint program regarding Emerald Ash Borer Awareness with Heart of the City and Fort Garden Club has been proposed for February 2015. There has been interest in a community meeting with JCMG participation. Info on how to identify an ash tree, the plan for injections, whether the treatments affect ground water, how planting trees for diversity avoids future problems and other homeowner concerns will be addressed.

The educational component of the Nov 13, 2014 meeting will be a houseplant exchange along with MG provided info and tips for each plant, i.e., how to grow healthy African violets.

Future meeting speaker suggestions include a presentation condensed from the Hoard Museum Herb Seminar, a hands-on demo at the Foster House Herb Garden as one of the summer garden walks, a talk about Garden Expo and Fair entry requirements and judging by Jill A, other local JCMG projects, and on-line video from the state MG site.

Vern G thanked the Plant Health Advisors for their able assistance this year and the JCMG volunteers for the many hours dedicated to the MG program. A thank you for supporting the Greenhouse Project from the Jefferson Board of Education is attached. Vern G also asked the membership to spread the word and encourage candidates to sign up for the Level 1 Training in Spring 2015.

Motion to Adjourn

**Next meeting** – November 13, 2014 at 6:45 pm      **Topic:** Houseplant Exchange

**Support time:** 1 hr      **Education:** 1 hr

**In Attendance:** Dennis B, Beverly D, Judy F, Frankie F, Mike H, Diane K, Ron L, Jane N, Anne S, Barb S, Sharon S, Maggie S, Deb S, Sue S, Mary T, Paulette T, Eve W, Susan W, Dorothy H-J, Vern G, Vicki S

**Topic and Speakers:**

WE GROW at West Elementary in Jefferson, Diane K, Vicki S, Mike H and Sharon S.