

Jefferson County Master Gardener Volunteer Association Minutes of the March 13, 2014 Meeting

General Meeting was called to order by President Dennis B at 6:45 Pm

REPORTS:

Corrections to the minutes of the February 13, 2014 JCMG Meeting were made. Under Old Business, the name of the speaker for the April 10th meeting was corrected to Dorothy Legler and the date of the meeting was also corrected to April 10 (from April 11). Motion to approve, Diane K, second, Audray W. The minutes were approved **as amended** by the membership.

The Treasurer's Report included Income of \$63 for T-Shirt payments and Expenses of \$60 for Milestone gift cards, \$18.88 for office supplies, \$5 for State Dues and \$50 for the State Silent Auction.

OLD BUSINESS:

Diane K reported that the annual regional 2014 WIMGA Conference will be in Appleton on March 28-29. There are quilt raffle tickets still available. This year's Midwest Regional Conference will be held in Bettendorf, Iowa on June 26-28, 2014. The 2016 Midwest Regional Conference will take place in September 2016 in the Wisconsin Dells area. The Jefferson County Master Gardeners will host the 2017 regional conference.

Ron L and Audray W brought in the MG T-shirts from On-Time Tees. The color is sand with black lettering. The front has the new MG Logo in 3 colors. "Master Gardener Volunteer" is on the front and back. Also on the front is "University of Wisconsin-Extension" and "Jefferson County MG". Those who ordered a T-shirt were able to pick theirs up after the Seed Saving presentation by Chris Marsden.

The Spring JCMG Plant Sale will be held at the Jefferson County Extension Office parking lot on the same Saturday as the Jefferson City-Wide Rummage Sale, either May 3 or 10, 2014. Please pot your offerings as soon as winter releases its grip, so that we have plenty of plants for the sale. It is recommended that along with the nice variety of perennials we usually have, that we also offer some annuals from seed which could be started indoors now so that they provide a good show for the plant sale.

Barbara Sch gave a report on the Fort Atkinson Winter Farmers' Market MG Booth, which was well attended in spite of the bitter cold, and included income from the sales of \$74 in fiber bricks.

Vern G reminded those who have not yet completed the Child Protection Training to do the on-line course <http://wcwpds.wisc.edu/mandatedreporter/> as soon as possible in order to fulfill that MG certification requirement. Help is as close as your Extension Office if you need it.

NEW BUSINESS:

The Spring Jefferson Farmers' Market will be on Saturday, April 5 from 9 AM to 4 PM at the Jefferson Area Business Center. The JCMG booth will be manned by Sharon Schw, Diane K, Ron L and Audray W. Time slots are still available. Also contact Sharon rwses@idcnet.com with display ideas or free items that might interest market goers (seeds, dry beans, tea leaves).

A reminder from Eve W prompted a discussion about the Plant Health Advisor Project. Training is available with no fee required. Look for an e-mail from Vern G with details in your IN box. A sign-up sheet was circulated. The Plant Health Advisors work on Tuesdays 1:00 – 3:00 PM and on Thursdays 9:00-11:00 AM in the Jefferson County UW-Extension Office. If you're interested in helping or training, contact Eve or Vern lavern.georgson@ces.uwex.edu

Our JCMG Association usually holds member garden tours with pot lucks during the summer months. If you would like to host a garden tour and pot luck this summer, please contact Mary T or Judy F to let them know which date you are interested in. We'd love to see your garden. The dates available are June 12, July 17, and August 14. Ron L also suggested that we could schedule a garden tour at one or two of our ongoing MG project sites.

Dennis B and Vern G reported on an Invasive Species Identification Project. Look for an e-mail with details in your IN box. A sign-up sheet was circulated. They also brought up the topic of a Fair Judges Workshop which is available. Contact Vern G if interested.

Judy F sent around a flyer with upcoming events at K & W Greenery and pointed out that K & W offers many education opportunities at their Janesville store.

Please send all your MG correspondence to Bev D bldahl116@charter.net during the month of April, as Maggie S will be on vacation.

Diane K made a motion to adjourn, seconded Audray W, then approved by the membership.

Next meeting – April 10, 2014 Picture day, so please wear your new MG T-shirt and a smile.
Our speaker will be Dorothy Legler of the Southern Wisconsin Butterfly Association.

A presentation on Seed Saving for Bio-Diversity was given by Christine Marsden, UW Extension Agent from Rock County.

Support time – 0.5 hr Education – 1.5 hr

In Attendance: Jill A, Dennis B, Beverly D, Judy F, Mike H, Diane K, Deb K, Ron L, Terri O, Anne S, Barb S, Sharon Schw, Maggie S, Sue S, Jeannie T, Mary T, Audray W, Susan W, Vern G of UW-Ext, Dorothy H-J and a Watertown guest