

Jefferson County Master Gardener Volunteer Association

Amended Minutes of the September 11, 2014 Meeting

Call to Order at 6:30 pm by President Dennis B

REPORTS:

Approved August 14, 2014 Minutes as written.

Treasurer's Report by Mary T was approved.

OLD BUSINESS:

An announcement was made that the following are due by Oct 1, 2014:

2014 JCMG Volunteer Hours

Child Protection Training certificates

2014 annual dues (\$10 individual, \$15 couple, \$5/\$10 JCMG Friend/WIMG Friend)
to Treasurer, Mary T

The 2014 JCMG Project Reports are due at the Oct 9, 2014 meeting:

The WIMGA theme for 2014 is "Engaging Others in Gardening", focusing on how MGVs actively get people to participate (as opposed to just providing information).

The 2013 JCMG Projects list was circulated. Corrections/additions were made by project leaders.

NEW BUSINESS:

Bev D nominated Barb S for the 2014-15 Treasurer. Barb S accepted the nomination. President Dennis B asked the membership if there were any other nominations. No other nominations were made. The membership approved the nomination by voice vote. Barb S is the new 2014-16 Treasurer of the Jefferson County Master Gardener Association.

Mike H nominated Frankie F for the 2014-15 President-elect. Frankie F accepted the nomination by a previously sent e-mail which was received and documented by Secretary Maggie S. President Dennis B asked the membership if there were any other nominations. No other nominations were made. The membership approved the nomination by voice vote. Frankie F is the new 2014-15 Vice President of the Jefferson County Master Gardener Association.

Dennis B offered a big thank you and praise for the JCMG officers, project leaders and workers, the UW Extension staff, the speakers, and those who provide food for pot-luck dinners for all the support he was given throughout the year.

Sue Z and project leaders reported on the progress of the three grants that were approved last year. The \$400 grant for WE GROW was for a handicap accessible table to accommodate youngsters in wheelchairs who garden with the WE GROW project at West Elementary in Jefferson. Currently there are 2 tables being built because of additional donations which were offered to WE GROW. The \$250 grant was for the JCMG Banner with the new WIMG logo to be used at local MG events. The \$100 grant for WE GROW was to upgrade the cold frame at West Elementary in Jefferson.

NEW BUSINESS:

A new grant request for \$250 has been submitted by Sue Z and Jeannie T for the Kids Healthy Garden in Lake Mills at the Rock Lake Activity Center.

Many suggestions were made regarding speakers for JCMG meetings in the future:

1. It was suggested that Diane K and Mike H report on the WE GROW project at West Elementary in Jefferson for the October meeting. A front page article in the Jeff Daily Union on Sept 4 prompted this suggestion. Diane and Mike agreed to present a report with pictures on Oct 9.
2. Jill A was mentioned several times as a potential speaker regarding criteria for submitting Fair entries to the State Fair and to local County Fairs, since Jill has judged at many fair events.
3. It was also suggested that the JCMG go to seminars and events at near-by locations as a group to acquire continuing education hours rather than relying on the program committee to provide speakers at every JCMG meeting, which is getting more difficult to do. Several upcoming event options have been sent to the membership via e-mail recently.
4. Other speaker suggestions included that the JCMGs who were presenting the Herb Seminar at the Hoard Museum would speak at a JCMG meeting. It was noted that the seminar was over 3 hours long, so an herb talk based on the seminar would have to be shortened considerably or broken up into several talks.

A Gemuetlichkeit Days entry for Floral Arranging was suggested by Judy F. The deadline for entry was Saturday 9/13/14 by 11 am at the Activity Center at the Jefferson County Fairgrounds.

Mary T reported that the Jefferson School District sent a thank you to the JCMG for its donation to the Jefferson HS Greenhouse project. An article from the Watertown Daily Times was e-mailed to the membership regarding the Oct 5 grand opening and reception from 1:00-5:00 pm at the greenhouse.

Vern G of the Extension Office gave a report regarding the spring 2015 MG Level 1 Class that will be offered this coming year.

Audray W gave the Jefferson Parks and Rec Dept an "atta boy" for their work on the Community Garden and on the Nature Preserve on Cty N where River's Edge used to stand. Audray also offered the membership JCMG T-shirts which are still available for \$10.

After thanking outgoing Treasurer, Mary T, for her 4 years of service, outgoing President Dennis B handed over the gavel to the new incoming President, Beverly D.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:15 pm.

Next meeting – October 9, 2014 at 6:45 pm, Speakers: Diane K and Mike H, Topic: WE GROW

Support time – 1.5 hr

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