

Jefferson County Master Gardener Volunteer Association Meeting
November 14, 2013 meeting minutes
Location: Jefferson County UW Extension Room 8-9

1. General Meeting - Called to order by President Dennis B at 6:45 pm

REPORTS:

2. Approval of October 10, 2013 Minutes as written – Motion to approve, Diane K, seconded, Ron L. Approved by membership.

3. Treasurer's Report – Mary T reported balances and indicated that the Executive Board is currently working on the budget for the coming year. It should be ready for a vote at the January 9 meeting.

OLD BUSINESS:

4. Diane K reported that the WIMGA Annual Conference is March 28-29, 2014 in Appleton. The deadline to apply for \$65 is Feb 1, 2014. <http://wimastergardener.org> No one has been chosen to do the 2016 Regional meeting yet. Reminder: We, the Jefferson County Master Gardeners, will be doing the 2017 State WIMGA Conference.

5. Sue Z reported that 2 out of the 3 WIMGA 2013 Educational Grants submitted in Sept were awarded to JCMGVA. That means that 7 of our 8 grant proposals in the last 4 years have succeeded. The two grants awarded this year are the \$400 grant for WE Grow for a handicap accessible plant table at West Elementary School and the \$250 grant for the MG Banner with the new logo to be used for JCMGVA events. Grant proposals for next year's \$150 grant can be submitted to Sue Z by the April meeting so that she has enough time to prepare them before the Oct 1 deadline. We cannot apply for the \$400 grant again until 2015.

6. Mary T reported that today's speaker is Frank Hassler of Good Oak. The topic for the January 9, 2014 meeting will be Seed Saving by Rock County Extension Agent, Christine Marsden, who has worked for Seed Savers Exchange. Hopefully, Susan Mahr will be here for our February meeting. Judy F and Mary T requested that the membership continue to provide topics of interest and suggestions for possible speakers. Reminder: The topics suggested by the membership at the last meeting are included in the Minutes of the Oct 10 Meeting.

7. Audray W reported that she has not yet received the new logo from Mike Maddox. When it is provided she will request pricing info from Sassy Shirts.

8. Sharon Sch applied for a booth at the Jefferson County Winter Market which takes place in the Jefferson City Hall/Library building the last Saturday of November (11-30-13) from 10 am – 2 pm. She asked for volunteers to contact her. There is no charge for this booth and it is a good opportunity to advertise the Master Gardener program

9. The Fort Atkinson Chamber Winter Farmers' Market manned by Sue K is on December 7, 2013.

NEW BUSINESS:

11. The JCMG Scrapbook created by Barb Sch was passed around for everyone's enjoyment. It was suggested that it would be good to have the scrapbook available at the Farmers' Market booth.

12. The good news is Vern G is continuing recovery on medical leave and is out and about, but did not attend the meeting.

13. Ron L mentioned that an "Ask the Master Gardener" program may be offered at the Jefferson Library toward spring and asked for volunteers.

Dennis B mentioned a Winter Farmers' Market at the Watertown Hospital.

A discussion of the proposed Crawfish Park on the old Voltz property – Hwy 18 & Hwy 26 by-pass Demo Garden followed. MG mentioned on front page Union Article and photos.

14. Next meeting – **January 9, 2014** (No meeting in December)

15. Floor discussion included:

Preview of upcoming garden events Nov 16 at Hoard Historical Museum; Nov 20 at Janesville Rotary Garden and Saturdays at Old World Wisconsin.

Jeannie T asked for suggestions regarding the 2014 Fairbook. Contact Jeannie or Paulette T

Mary T offered aloe vera plants to those in attendance.

Maggie S asked whether the preferred format for receiving the agenda and minutes was MSWord or Adobe pdf. She also asked if all received and were able to print their copies.

Move to adjourn, Mike H, seconded, Ron L. Meeting adjourned at 7:15 pm.

16. The JCMGVA Meeting was followed by a presentation on **Landscaping with Native Plants** by Frank Hassler of Good Oak.

Support time - 0.5 hour Education – 1.5 hour

In Attendance: Dennis B, Beverly D, Judy F, Mike H, Diane K, Deb K, Ron L, Helen M, Jane N, Barb Sch, Sharon Schw, Maggie S, Sue S, Jeannie T, Mary T, Paulette T, Audray W, Eve W, Susan W, Sue Z, Mary Ann J, Bobbie R, Anne S, and guest, Denay T