

Jefferson County Master Gardener Volunteer Association Meeting

October 10, 2013 meeting minutes

Location: Jefferson County UW Extension Room 8-9

1. General Meeting - Called to order by newly elected president Dennis B at 7:00 pm

REPORTS:

2. Approval of September 19 Minutes as written – Motion to approve, seconded, approved

3. Treasurer's Report – Diane K reported balances for Treasurer Mary T– Motion to approve, Mike Hot, seconded, Gordon P, approved

OLD BUSINESS:

4. WE Grow update by Diane K on Monday's successful Fall Feast and the progress of the new greenhouse. If interested in the old greenhouse to be torn down contact the Ag Teacher.

5. Sue Z reported there were 3 WIMGA Educational Grants submitted by paper copy since the on-line submission did not go through. The \$400 grant request was for WE Grow for a handicap accessible plant table at West Elementary School. At the \$250 level was the MG Banner with the new logo to be used for any JCMGVA events throughout the year. The \$150 grant request was for raised garden beds at St Joseph School in Ft Atkinson.

6. Bev D reported that eight 2013 Annual MG Projects were submitted: Plant Health Advisors, Ft Atkinson Police Dept, Healthy Lake Mills Kids' Garden, Hoard Historical Museum, Jefferson Public Library, Old World Wisconsin, Jefferson Rotary Park, Living Savior Lutheran Church.

7. Bev D reported most volunteer hours timesheets were submitted by Oct 1. Timesheets will be accepted til Oct 21 when they are due to the state. After Oct 21, late timesheet submissions will be sent individually. Forms on WIMGA website, Demographic Data requested by UW-Ext is voluntary.

8. Audray W reported that when the new logo is available, ordering and pricing info will be requested from Sassy Shirts. Diane K indicated she will obtain new logo from Mike Maddox.

9. No report on speakers for November and January. Bev D suggested the 'Seed Saving' topic which was mentioned at the Sept 19 meeting. Maggie S will provide contact info to the program committee. Dennis B asked for topic and speaker suggestions from the floor. A list was circulated and the following suggestions were accumulated. Contact the program committee members (Mike Holl, Ron L, Judy F, Mary T) with additional topics and speaker contact information.

- Cooking and household uses for herbs

- Identify invasive plants with a "hands-on" approach, not just pictures or book info

- Ask WI State weed expert to speak and show video

- New plants for 2014

- Seed saving

- Info on trees and solving problems with diseases and insects

- Noxious weeds sold in catalogs

- Designing with native plants

- Winter projects like caring for tools and equipment so they are ready to go in spring

- Handy garden tools to have with explanation of uses

- Growing and caring for iris, including when to transplant iris.

- How to trim and prune trees and shrubs

- How to select trees and shrubs for shade, as understory, for sun, under power lines, near buildings or fences and near city streets

10. Floor discussion included a suggestion by Bev D that if the grant for a MG banner is not successful, that JCMGVA purchase one since the general consensus is that a banner is needed to identify Master Gardener activity. Discussion about the importance of signage followed with suggestions to check with Sassy Shirts and Opportunities to estimate the cost of a banner to the club.

NEW BUSINESS:

11. Level One Training is not offered this fall in Jefferson County and it is uncertain if Level Two Advanced Training will be available in January or February. Lack of candidates interested in taking the course was cited. Last year's coursework included interactive classes including participation by Master Gardeners as instructors. Dennis B explained that the Wisconsin MG Program is being used as a model program for other states. Diane K mentioned the Modules being used to make MG training more consistent throughout the state. Counties that are offering Level One Training can be found on the WIMGA website <http://wimastergardener.org> click on MG Training. Some classes are full.

12. No info from the group regarding the Oct 5 UW-W Fall Gardening Workshop on Native Plants

13. Flyers for the following upcoming garden events were circulated and discussed:

Oct 19 UW-W Workshop: Plants for Fall & Winter Interest

Nov 2 Janesville Rotary Garden – New Old Friends for the Mid West Garden

Nov 2 Cardinal Stritch, Milwaukee – Landscape with Native Plants

Nov 16 Hoard Historical Museum – Holiday Decorating with Plants

14. Next meeting – **November 14, 2013** (No meeting in December)

15. Floor discussion included:

Gordon P distributed Prairie Nursery catalogs along with info about the company. Diane K added that Prairie Nursery is currently providing free plants to non-profits for shipping & handling cost only.

Eve W passed out the Artist Tour brochure for October 26 & 27 and invited all to participate.

Sharon S shared handouts and info about the Jefferson Art Walk this Saturday on Oct 12 and the Woodcarvers Woodturners Show & Sale at Olbrich Botanical Gardens on Oct 27.

Sue Z offered info about the new 300 acre Silverwood Park on Hwy 106 near Busseyville which is dedicated to Ag Education and FFA. Tours, hayrides and plenty of pumpkins were available today for the kickoff event.

Sharon S shed light on the fact that the Master Gardeners website info is really old and out of date. Bev D offered to update the site as soon as info is cleared through Jefferson County Ag Agent Vern G, our new MG advisor.

Move to adjourn Bev D, seconded Eve W, Meeting adjourned at 7:30 pm.

The JCMGVA Meeting was followed by a presentation on **Turf and Lawn Management** by Dennis B

Support time - 0.5 hour Education - 1 hour

In Attendance: Dennis B, Beverly D, Judy F, Mike Hot, Diane K, Jane N, Gordon P, Sharon S, Maggie S, Sue S, Jeannie T, Paulette T, Audrey W, Eve W, Susan W, Sue Z, Christine P, Tim S