

## **Jefferson County Master Gardener Volunteer Association**

### **Minutes of the February 12, 2015 Meeting**

The meeting was called to order by President Beverly D at 6:45 pm. Bev welcomed the JCMGs, the MG Interns and guests. She asked all to introduce themselves and to share what events the MGs are using to fill their education hours requirement.

#### **Reports:**

A motion to approve the minutes of the January 15, 2015 JCMG meeting as written was made by Ron L. and seconded by Sharon S.

The Treasurer's Report was presented by Treasurer Barbara S. along with a reminder that the new WIMG badges are available for \$9 each. Please turn in your request to Barb and she will notify Susan Mahr who will put in an order as soon as enough requests and payments are in.

The JCMG Volunteers who received recognition for reaching milestones for cumulative volunteer service hours in 2014 were given their award checks at the meeting and those not in attendance will be sent checks in the mail.

#### **New Business:**

The WIMGA Report was made by Diane K. The LaCrosse Conference dates are July 31– Aug 1, 2015. Registration begins April 1. This conference features workshops that will be off site. Click on the following WIMGA link to check out the variety of workshops available. <http://www.bluffcountrymastergardeners.org/wimga-2015.html>

The 2016 Midwest Regional Conference "Gardeners at the Dells" will take place Sept 14-17, 2016 at Chula Vista, Wisconsin Dells.

Vern G. introduced Kim B. who is our main contact at the Jefferson County UW-Extension Office. Kim complimented the JCMGs for the growth of the association and for the high level of JCMG activity in the community. Kim, who has been a great help to our organization since her return to UW-Ext, invited members to feel free to contact her with questions and concerns.

Vern also reported that the 2015 Level 1 MG training classes which began Tuesday, January 13, 2015 are going very well since the participants have shown great dedication. Students are doing homework, hands-on in class projects, and research which they present to the class. Several tours are incorporated into the schedule. For further info go to the MG website <http://wimastergardener.org> "Level 1 Training."

The eighteen 2 hour classes are held every other Tuesday evening from 6:00-8:00 pm usually at the Jefferson County UW-Extension in rooms 8-9. Contact the Extension Office at [LaVernG@jeffersoncountywi.gov](mailto:LaVernG@jeffersoncountywi.gov) or call Kim at 920-674-7297 with inquiries.

Ron L. reported that the Lake Mills Garden and the WE Grow Project will be working on a joint application for the Pillar grant which is open to Jefferson County and Northern Walworth County projects. Guest Beth G. asked if a Master Gardener would consider taking on a proposed Ft Atkinson High School garden project. Discussion followed about the possibility of adding it to the joint Pillar grant application. Bev also reminded the membership that we can still apply for the WIMGA \$100 and \$250 grants. The WIMGA grant applications are due at the end of summer.

A reminder to JCMG project leaders, please prepare a presentation about your JCMG 2014 project (with pictures, if possible) for the **March 12** JCMG meeting.

The annual Master Gardener Plant Sale will take place Saturday, May 16 from 9:00 am – 1:00 pm in the Jefferson County UW-Extension parking lot. Bring your **labeled** potted plants on Thursday 5-14 or Friday 5-15 before the sale. Don't forget to count your support service hours for the time you spend preparing the plants for sale. The new JCMG banners will be used for this event, so come to shop, volunteer some time to help sell plants, and check out the banners.

**Upcoming Events: *JCMG meeting presentations, garden walks, fairs, conferences***

<b>March 12</b>	JCMG Project Reports
<b>April 9</b>	Condensed Herb Seminar
<b>May 16</b>	JCMG Plant Sale – UW-Ext parking lot
<b>June 11</b>	Hands-on Demo - Hoard Museum Foster House Herb Garden
<b>July 8-12</b>	Jefferson County Fair
<b>July 16</b>	Garden Walk is <b>open</b> awaiting a host or two
<b>July 31-Aug 1</b>	La Crosse WIMGA Conference
<b>Aug 6-16</b>	Wisconsin State Fair – West Allis
<b>Aug 13</b>	Garden Walk is <b>open</b> awaiting a host or two

A Motion to Adjourn was made by Diane K and seconded by Dennis B.

**Tonight's Speaker:** Jill Albanese, JCMG, State Fair Gardening and Recycling Expert

**Support time:** 1 hr      **Education:** 1.5 hr

**In Attendance:** Jill A, Dennis B, Beverly D, Judy F, Frankie F, Mike H, Diane K, Ron L, Barb S, Sharon S, Maggie S, Sue S, Jeannie T, Audray W, Eve W, Susan W, Vern G, Kim B, Dale B, Beth G, Jan G, Marvin N, Tina V, Vicki W

**Next meeting:** March 12, 2015 at 6:45 pm      **Topic:** JCMG Projects by project leaders